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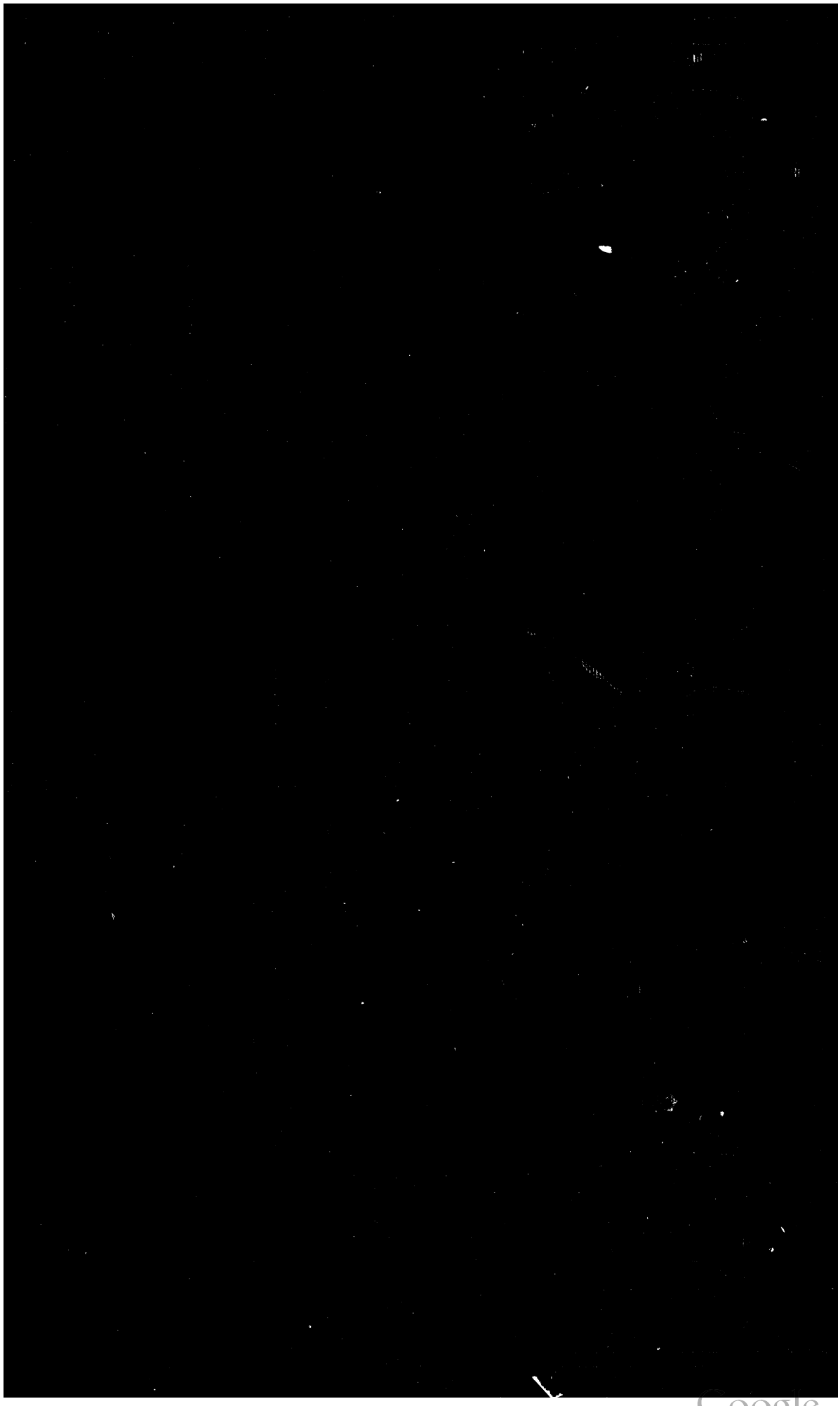
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PREFACE.

THE period embraced in the present volume of Calendar, though only eight months, from July 1653 to February 1654, is one of great importance, including almost the whole period of the Convention Parliament, its resignation, and the assumption of power by Cromwell as Lord Protector.

The country was in eager expectation of what would be done by the new house of representatives, commonly known as the "Praise God Barebones Parliament;" the one great anxiety being that they should not tread in the steps of those who went before them (p. 39). They opened their proceedings by a declaration of their good intentions for the liberties of the people, which reads more like a pulpit discourse than an official paper (p. 21), but of Parliamentary transactions the State Papers contain few notices, being chiefly confined to those of the Council of State.

This was continued precisely as before, the members being severally approved on July 9th and 14th by the new Parliament (pp. 16, 25), and they remained in office till its legal expiration at the end of six months in October 1653.

Shortly before this time it passed several regulations, probably intended to influence its successors; as that all Council orders be entered into a fair book, to be read at the next sitting; that no warrants be signed till read and approved in Council; that petitions be read by

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any three or more members who first come in, and those unfit for Council laid aside; that all letters to Council be opened by the President and read aloud; and that the salaries of all the servants of Council, including Wm. Jessop, lately appointed assistant secretary, be reported on and settled (pp. 171, 201, 205).

The eighth and last Council of State was elected on 1 November 1653. It was appointed only for six months, but its sittings terminated in less than two, on the breaking up of the Parliament.

Of Cromwell's influence in the State during the sittings of this Parliament, we hear little. The authors of a printed paper, entitled "A charge of high treason exhibited against Oliver Cromwell, for several treasons by him committed," were ordered to be searched for and severely prosecuted (pp. 151, 156, 197). He was requested to report to Parliament the opinion of Council concerning the articles of the surrender of Galloway, injudiciously granted by Sir Chas. Coote, and therefore only partially confirmed (pp. 254–5). Also their opinion in favour of payment to the widow of Major John Burton of money by him advanced towards the reducing of North Wales (p. 257). His last recorded act as Lord General Cromwell was to write to Col. Whichcot, governor of Windsor, to raise an extra company of 100 soldiers for the castle. This bears date Dec. 10th 1653 (p. 296).

On Dec. 11th, a letter written from Bruges reports, as news from England, that "Sir Andrew Cogan's letter says "that the soldiers petition hard for a monarchy, and it is "thought Cromwell will ere long make himself a King" (p. 297).

A few days later comes the proclamation of his appointment to the Protectorship, which is to be published by the sheriffs in the several counties, and in London and West-

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minster, with sound of trumpet, in the most solemn manner possible, the officers of the College of Arms attending "in an equipage suitable to such a solemnity," and the Lord Mayor and aldermen of London were also required to be present (pp. 297–9).

The title of Council of State was now dropped, and that of the Council, or the Lord Protector's Council, was assumed, to be exchanged a year or two later for that of Privy Council. The first list given of the members comes through a copy in the handwriting of Sir Edw. Nicholas, secretary to Charles II., and consists of 13 persons only, 11 of whom were members of the former Council; and the new names were Majors General Lambert and Skippon. To these Cols. Mackworth and Montague were afterwards added. From the tables of attendance given at the close of this preface, it will appear that Cromwell was not often personally present in Council, but as all orders of any moment required his approval for validity, unless he were present at their passing, they were sometimes carried to him at once, and returned approved, though occasionally with some variation; but more frequently they were presented in batches. The approval is noted in the calendar at the close of each order, to avoid repetition.

The first acts of Council were orders for information to foreign ministers of the change of government, and for alterations in the forms of writs, patents, and other legal records (pp. 299, 301, 311). The next was to secure for the Protector such portions as still remained unsold of the royal parks and domains, and the repurchase of part of those which had been sold, especially Hampton Court, Greenwich House, Windsor and Bushey Parks, &c. (pp. 299, 300, 354–6, 396–71, 408–9, 419).

Committees were also appointed to settle a revenue for his household, to examine the bills for furnishing his

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kitchen, and to bespeak from Sir Thos. Vyner, Lord Mayor of London, two services of plate for the use of the Protector and his lady.

An instrument entitled the "Government of the Commonwealth" was also to be speedily prepared by Thurloe; it formed the basis of the Protectoral rule, and as such was formally enrolled in Chancery (pp. 301, 309, 314, 349, 413). A copy of this instrument, either mutilated, or unduly printed without license, was seized in the house of Rob. Wood, the printer, and he and the persons employed about it were taken into custody (pp. 309, 447).

Council was appointed to sit each day, except Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a penalty of 2*s.* 6*d.* fine to the poor for non-attendance without reasonable excuse allowed by the President; on Friday it was to sit both morning and afternoon, but on Saturday not at all without special order from the Protector (p. 315).

This rule, combined with the effect of personal importance given by paucity of numbers, told so well upon the attendance of the members, who were only 14 exclusive of the Protector, that from 16 December to the end of February the average was 9·98, whereas in the previous November and early part of December, out of 32 members the average attendance had only been 13·9; but as the quorum was seven, this average answered all practical purposes (p. 28).

The expenses of the under clerks and officers are given in detail (pp. 386–7), and amount to the yearly sum of 3,835*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* This does not include the salaries of Thurloe, the secretary, who received 800*l.* a year, nor of Jessop, assistant secretary, at 1*l.* daily, nor of John Milton, who received 15*s.* 10½*d.* a day, or 288*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* a year, but it does include that of Phil. Meadows, named Latin secretary, at 200*l.* a year.

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In one important point the Protectoral government showed a liberality of feeling that had not characterised its predecessors. No oath of fidelity was required from civil or military officers, there being "a tenderness of mul- "tiplying promissory oaths, further than is necessary for "public safety" (pp. 314, 316, 358, 362, 364).

It was not to be expected, however, that the sudden return to a government by one man, invested with almost despotic powers, would be tolerated without opposition by those who had shed their blood in the cause of freedom. A bold and firm, though respectful remonstrance was issued by several army officers, pointing out how greatly the powers granted to the Protector were in excess of those which they had wrested from the late King. Yet no notice seems to have been taken of their proceeding except by a two days' imprisonment of one of the subscribers (pp. 302–4). A severer penalty awaited the 5th monarchy men, who inveighed in the strongest terms against the present state of things in a meeting at Christ Church, Blackfriars (pp. 304–8). Their discourses being reported at great length by a spy, two of their preachers, Chris. Feake, or Freake, and Vavasour Powell, were at once apprehended and taken into custody by the sergeant-at-arms (p. 308). Witnesses were examined, and a report was ordered (pp. 353, 368, 449). What became of Powell does not appear, but Feake and John Simpson, the latter taken up seemingly on the same ground, were committed to Windsor Castle, "in order to the preservation of the peace of this "nation" (p. 371), and the churchwardens at Blackfriars were warned that the usual Monday meeting was to be discontinued (p. 309).

A similar meeting was held at Allhallows, to which the spy above alluded to also repaired. He reports it as a

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dull assembly, without Feake and Simpson, but adds that the happiness of the two sufferers in prison was magnified, and their deliverance and the confusion of their enemies were prayed for. The spy urges the dissolution of that meeting also, as lowering the Protector's reputation among foreigners, and leading to the expectation of change "though it is but a confluence of silly wretches" (p. 393).

On the other side of the question we find a curious allegorical narrative, by an unknown hand, describing the late political parties under the symbol of a fleet of ships as Reformation, Dissension, Covenant, Turnsail, &c., whose movements are ingeniously detailed, till a council was held on board the Dissension, and the ship G. O. C. (General Oliver Cromwell) abandoned, as being too heavy, for the Protector, which was "a strong ship all built of the heart of oak" (pp. 322–4).

The notices of the royalist party are neither many nor important. In July 1653 it was reported that 16 officers of quality, including Colonel Legge and Major Thomas, had landed at Rye, and orders were issued for prevention of suspicious meetings, for care in admitting strangers to forts or castles, and for removal 20 miles from London and Westminster of persons deemed prejudicial to public safety (pp. 3, 16).

In August a Committee of Council was appointed to examine persons supposed to be dangerous, with power to commit them until the pleasure of Council should be known (p. 66). In September Major-Gen. Desborow was ordered to have a special eye upon those who rode armed or held meetings in the western parts (p. 136). A great meeting of 10,000 people took place in Warwickshire, on the border of Northamptonshire, on pre-

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tence of bear baiting, and this was considered dangerous to the peace, and Major-Gen. Boteler was ordered to prevent such gatherings by force (p. 171).

In December the justices of peace for Lancashire and Cumberland were warned of an intention of disaffected persons to land in Lancashire, and march thence into the Highlands of Scotland, and were ordered to take all possible care to prevent it, and to intercept the persons in question (p. 291).

At sea the royalists were very active, and much damage was done to English trade by privateers, chiefly from Brest, acting under letters of marque from Charles II., James Duke of York, titular Lord Admiral, or Prince Rupert, and seizing trading vessels belonging to the so-called traitors of England, which were deemed lawful prize, and found a ready sale in French ports (pp. 139, 283, 319, 408, 568, 570, &c.).

It was reported that the Emperor and Princes of Germany had declared their resolution to assist the exiled King with men and money (p. 242). Also that Holland would lend him 80 men-of-war for an immediate invasion (p. 295). That the King was paying court to the German Princes appears by a long letter from Sir Edward Walker, Garter-king-at-arms, on the subject of a mission on which he was sent (the Earl of Rochester declining it), to invest the Elector of Brandenburg with the Order of the Garter (pp. 394–6).

Of Charles personally, the only notice is a record of a sitting of his Privy Council at Paris, $\frac{3}{13}$ Jan. 1654, at which he was present, with his mother and two brothers, the Lord Keeper (Sir Edw. Herbert), Lord Chamberlain (Lord Percy), Lord Inchiquin, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Marquis of Ormond), Lord Jermyn, and (Sir Edward Hyde) Chancellor of the Exchequer. Sir Rich. Grenville had

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accused the said Chancellor of paying a visit to England, conferring privately with Cromwell, and receiving a pension from him as intelligencer. After careful investigation, the charge was declared unfounded and libellous, and Grenville was forbidden the royal presence* (pp. 359, 360).

The only papers bearing on foreign policy worthy of notice in the present volume relate to Holland and Sweden. Ambassadors to negotiate a peace with the Dutch had reached England in July (p. 42), but the Government treated sword in hand, and asked conditions so hard that a letter from the Hague reports that "the "loss of another fleet could not render them in a worse "condition than England looks upon them now to be," therefore they ventured the engagement of July 29 and 31, and were again defeated (pp. 67–70). Still the treaty made so little progress that Gen. Monk urges in November the speedy fitting out of the great ships, to be ready for the spring, because unless a speedy peace can be ensured, the Dutch might get their summer fleet ready first "and "block us up in our harbours instead of our blocking "them" (p. 274).

The advent of Cromwell to the Protectorship, by lessening the hopes of the royalists in Holland, seemed likely to render the negotiations more successful (p. 302), but a letter of Jan. 6, 1654, speaks with exultation of the treaty as broken off, the proposed terms being thought by the writer too advantageous to the enemy (p. 350). The fact was that the deputies, Lords Beverning and Nieuport, had departed home, but only to carry proposals for the States General, and Beverning returned in a few days with their reply, landing at Harwich on Jan. 24th (p. 367).

On Feb. 4th Generals Blake and Penn express their

* For further particulars, see Harris' Charles II., Vol. I., pp. 154–164.—Ed.

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regret that the treaty "has been delayed, as delay portends "no great hopes of agreement," and quickens their desires to have the fleet ready for service (p. 388). A few days later, the post from England to Amsterdam brought tidings that "the English will have no peace with us," and on Feb. 20th, Vice-Admiral Lawson writes that he hears the conclusion of a peace with the Dutch is very dubious (p. 578). In this position of uncertainty the present volume leaves the case.

With Sweden the Commonwealth desired to enter into a closer alliance, which would strengthen her against the Dutch, and also against the royalist party, one of whose cherished hopes was a marriage between Charles II. and Queen Christina of Sweden. An English privateer had seized upon a ship supposed to be Dutch, but which contained as part of her lading "a pair of harpsicalls, lutes, "and other instruments, music books, an image of two "boys wrestling, a cabinet of strong waters, a bag of "balloting balls, and two boxes of washing balls," all for the personal use of the Queen, and these, which had been declared prize goods, were demanded on her behalf by her ambassador, Lord Lagerfeldt, and granted (pp. 199, 442, 445).

Numerous notices occur of conferences with this ambassador, to whom a State supper was given before his return home in October (p. 207, and *see* Index), and an ambassador was ordered by Parliament to be sent from England to Sweden "the Queen of Sweden being favourably inclined "to the Commonwealth" (p. 146). The late Parliament had proposed a similar embassy, and had selected Viscount Lisle, to whom the office was again offered, but he declined it on the ground of ill health, and Bulstrode Whitelock, one of the Commissioners of the Great Seal, was chosen (pp. 146–7). Great pains and expense were bestowed

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upon his equipage. Travelling carriages, coach harness and liveries, horses, rich bedding and furniture, plate, table linen, hangings, carpets, tapestry, &c. were provided at the State's expense (pp. 164, 171, 437, 439, 456).

His allowance was to be 6,000*l.* for the first six months, 3,000*l.* to be paid at once, 1,000*l.* on Oct. 12th, 1,000*l.* on Jan. 1st, and 1,000*l.* on Feb. 4th, 1654, and 600*l.* a month afterwards, if he remained longer (pp. 164, 223, 454, 457, 458).

He made, in addition, a charge of 1,500*l.* for extras for his journey, about which some demur was raised, and a committee appointed to consider it, but it was allowed on their report, and ordered to be paid from Council's contingencies (pp. 381, 390).

Among his attendants were two chaplains, who had been selected by Viscount Lisle, John Dury and Ingelo, and he was allowed a third if he wished it, 100*l.* being granted to each for expenses. He accordingly chose Dr. De la Marsh (pp. 164, 171, 195). Dr. Dan. Whistler was sent to attend him as physician, and 200*l.* was allowed for him (pp. 184, 278). The managers of secret intelligence were ordered to acquaint the ambassador from time to time with what they judged fit for his knowledge (p. 256).

Suitable vessels, four in number, were selected for the transport of himself, retinue, and horses (pp. 496, 505, 509), and on Nov. 6th he sailed from the Hope in the Phœnix, reached Gottenburg on the 15th, where he was honourably received by the Governor and magistrates, and on the 30th began his journey towards Stockholm (p. 346). Once arrived at his destination, his negotiations belong to the Foreign State Papers.

Though in particular cases expenditure was lavish, the want of money embarrassed every department of Government. Thos. Fauconberg, receiver general of the revenue,

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reports arrears of salary due on warrants signed by the Revenue Committee to the great legal officers and judges, the lieutenant and warders of the Tower, the agents employed in foreign parts, and the officers of the Court of Wards, and grants to the late King's servants, amounting in all to 63,716*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, besides numerous unpaid augmentations due to ministers (pp. 33–4). An order was issued to pay to the most necessitous of the King's servants half the sums due to them, which amounted to 5,149*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* (p. 35). Out of five annuities due to persons in great want, amounting to 900*l.* yearly, the arrears came to 7,689*l.*, or more than eight years' value (p. 135).

Major-Gen. Harrison was requested to move Parliament to appoint a committee to receive propositions for raising money to defray public charges (p. 59), and Col. Sydenham to move for 10,000*l.* for Council's contingencies, pressing affairs requiring a speedy advance of money (p. 173). A special joint meeting was summoned of the Army Committee, Irish and Scotch Committee, and a Committee of Council, to acquaint them with a letter from Col. Lilburne, urging a speedy supply of money for the forces in Scotland, and to report what should be done (p. 75).

The Admiralty Committee was ordered to see that sums amounting to 5,926*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* due to poor artificers, for goods delivered into the stores, were paid (p. 196). The Trustees for Sale of Forfeited Estates were ordered to distribute 10,000*l.* in proportion among their surveyors, clerks, and messengers, being part of a much larger sum due to them (p. 314). The Excise being unable to pay the debts assigned upon it, the creditors were to be treated with for continuance of the money, on interest (p. 315). The Commissioners for Public Debts specially commended to Parliament the payment of sums amounting to

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13,406*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* long due to persons for goods, salaries, or service (pp. 324–5).

Among the seamen the results of the scarceness of money was severely felt. Their victualling was bad and defective, and led to frequent sickness. Complaints on this score to the navy victuallers were met by excuses on the ground of defective payment, and they promise satisfaction provided they may receive punctual payments (pp. 13, 17, 20, 54, 77, 142, 232).

No wonder that, with their spirits exasperated by want of wholesome food and regular pay, a mutinous spirit should frequently break out among the seamen, some of whom, after vainly crying out for money to their captains and the port officers, marched up to London to demand it (pp. 188–9, 191–2, 210). On Oct. 26th and 27th a number of them assembled tumultuously at Tower Hill, Charing Cross, and other places in London and Westminster, with pistols and other arms, and threatened to vindicate their rights by violence; but the ringleaders were taken into custody, and a proclamation issued threatening death to any mutineers or their abettors (pp. 219, 220).

On July 10th, the bailiffs of Ipswich, Southwold, and other places where sick and wounded seamen were quartered, complain bitterly of non-payment for the quarters of the men, so that the inhabitants "begin to weary of them." Not a penny can be had from the Prize Commissioners, and General Monk, who was riding near Southwold, being appealed to, was obliged to pledge his personal credit for payment of the money due for the looking after the sick in that town, the bailiffs having spent 200*l.* of their own money and being unable to advance more (pp. 18, 28). On July 19th the bailiffs of Ipswich complain in like manner that they can get no money from the Prize Commissioners, and that 700*l.* due for quartering the sick

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should not rest on their private estates. They beg that their disbursements may be paid from the weekly assessments (p. 36).

On Oct. 9th, the bailiffs of Southwold, Woodbridge, and Yarmouth complain that they are 500*l.* in arrear for discharge of quarters, and that the inhabitants on whom the men are quartered, being very poor, are much discouraged (p. 195).

From Harwich, Major Bourne writes on July 6th, that having taken up 400*l.* or 500*l.* on bills of exchange which remain unpaid, he cannot carry on affairs without money (p. 9). On the 31st he renews his request, having had to take up 200*l.* from the Assessment Commissioners on his own engagement, and begs that money may be raised on the sale of prize goods, some of which are perishing (p. 62).

A navy officer, thrown into prison in the Poultry Compter for debts which he was unable to discharge through want of pay, declares that he has only had one bit of victuals in three weeks, and that his friends mock him by saying "What have you gotten by serving the State?" (p. 414). Col. Simon Rugeley pleads that he lost an estate of 800*l.*, and his mansion house worth 3,500*l.*, by the Royalists; has had to sell land worth 500*l.* a year, yet his discontented family is "within the jaws of ruin." The State owes him 11,280*l.* 12*s.*, for which he has vainly petitioned Parliament, and 4,454*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* is due to him for service; this sum he is ordered to be paid out of concealments of Crown lands to be discovered by him (p. 398–9).

In fact, the only plan suggested for the supply of additional funds was that of countenancing discoveries to be made by private individuals, either of fresh means of raising moneys, on promise of reward, which were no-

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unfrequent, though seemingly futile (pp. 13 (2), 281), or of mines, or concealed Crown, bishops', deans and chapters' or delinquents' property, the allowance to the discoverer being one fourth or one fifth of what was realised on his discovery, or more if the State was already indebted to him, and Parliament appointed a special committee on the business of discoveries (pp. 48, 83, 164, 170, 174, 184, 198, 200, 209, 210, 212, 229 (2), 285).

An Act was passed for clearing public debts and discovering frauds, ordering all claims on public faith bills, and all soldiers' accounts to be brought in; all discoveries to be prosecuted at once; all delinquents discovering their own estates to compound at one fourth of the value; and all persons detaining public moneys 30 days to be sequestered until payment (p. 190).

A further Act was ordered to be presented to the House for bringing into one treasury all moneys arising from discoveries, convictions of fraud, &c., which were to be applied towards the discharge of public debts, the first 20,000*l.* to be towards the payment of the public faith bills of poor persons (p. 275).

One of the first steps taken by the Protector was to attempt a remedy of this general bankruptcy by nominating a fresh committee to inspect the treasuries (pp. 316, 319). He also appointed five members of his Council as a committee to consider the fittest and quickest way for raising and bringing in money, and the most exact method of managing the public treasury, authorising them to send for and examine whom they please, "and to be very "careful of this important matter" (p. 398).

The notices of Scotland are not numerous or important. The whole revenue of the country, whether arising from assessments, customs, the late King's rents, or otherwise, was ordered to be expended on local objects, the fortifica-

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tions, payment of the troops, and carrying on the service (p. 12); and the Scotch Commissioners were required to give in to the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries an account of receipts and disbursements since the departure of the English Commissioners (pp. 12, 140). Fresh fortifications were ordered for Lewis and other islands, which were to be garrisoned, and ships were sent to ply about, to disturb the enemy's trade in fishing, to keep up intelligence with Ireland, and between the several parts of Scotland, and to secure those parts (pp. 166–7,190, 212).

The commissions granted to the Civil Commissioners for Justice, &c., expiring in October 1653, they were all renewed, and the clerks and other officers of the courts forbidden to take fees, but allowed additional salaries. Wm. Laurence and Hen. Goodyear were added to the previous Commissioners, and ordered 100*l.* each in advance.

The University Commissioners were empowered to dispose to local pious uses of the profits of all vacant places (pp. 202–3, 273).

The inhabitants of Edinburgh presented a petition relative to their sole right in the town and trade of Leith, where some of the English had resolved to settle, whom they were willing to admit on condition of their becoming free citizens of Edinburgh. They also requested restoration to the former uses of the revenues of Heriot and Trinity Hospitals, and allowance to their magistrates of the patronage of their churches, free schools, &c. These requests were granted in the main, with a proviso that the sick and maimed soldiers should be cared for in the hospitals or elsewhere. Another request for a tax of 4*d.* Scots on every pint of ale or beer spent or brewed in the city, towards repayment of a debt of 60,000*l.* sterling, contracted in the 15 years of trouble, was referred to Parliament (pp. 203-5).

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The Bill for the union of the two kingdoms was before Parliament, and was to be attended by the repeal of the Act banishing all Scots from England (p. 258), but the dissolution of Parliament prevented its passing, and an Ordinance of the Protector and Council for the union was passed in lieu thereof (pp. 365, 382).

The prospect of the union elicited a petition from the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Carlisle, to Parliament. Their corporation had for centuries enjoyed a toll of 1*d.* per beast on all four-footed goods, both English and Scotch, passing through their town, for which they paid a Crown rent of 40*l.* This toll was purchased from the city by Capt. Man Dowson for 60*l.* a year, and his widow joined her petition to that of the city that they might not lose their toll by reason of the projected union (p. 255).

Among other papers of local interest may be named a piteous complaint of the inhabitants of Barnstaple, of the ruin of their town owing to the insecurity of the English Channel, and the havoc made on vessels by the Irish, Prince Rupert's fleet, the Dutch, and now the Brest men-of-war, which have so reduced their shipping that, from 50 or 60 fishing boats which they used to send to Newfoundland, they now send only 10 or 12, and their 150 trading ships suffer in like proportion, so that many vessels are afraid to stir, and their owners have to beg their bread (p. 126).

At the other end of the country, Berwick-on-Tweed, a like complaint comes from a different cause, viz., the losses by the invading armies of Scots, so that their bridge, the only easy passage into Scotland, is much decayed, and will be impassable for troops, and they request, in order to keep the bridge in repair, the renewal of a former grant of the pastures about the town, claimed by Lord Mordington, for which he wishes to compound (pp. 367–8)

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The officers of Dover harbour complain of injury to the harbour by the use of the beach pebbles as ballast for ships, and urge renewal of grants by late sovereigns for its repair, and payment of 4,000*l.* ordered them by Parliament on 6th April 1652, but of which they have only received 750*l.*, and that from a seizure made there (pp. 88, 168, 237).

The Commissioners for disposing of the proceeds of the late cathedral at Lichfield were required to call in the money, much of which remained in private hands, and to give half, as ordered by Parliament 4th April 1651, to the poor of Stafford, who were very numerous, through the pulling down of part of the town to secure the garrison in the late war, and to repair the house of correction, in order that the poor may be set to work (p. 407).

Information being given that the Dutch prisoners lately sent to Salisbury, and confined in the cathedral premises, had done much damage to the pillars of the cloisters and windows of the library, Council wrote to the mayor to send an account of the damage, and how many prisoners still remain, and to report the whole state of the business (pp. 195–6).

Complaint was made by the Protestant foreigners of the French and Dutch churches in London and Westminster of disturbance in the exercise of their trades by proceedings on penal statutes, contrary to the order of Parliament of Sept. 2nd 1653, allowing Protestant strangers to exercise manufactures within the State. Council thereupon requested Parliament to reconsider the penal statutes, and stayed proceedings meantime (pp. 155, 156 (2), 159). The masters and wardens of the handicraft corporations of London presented a counter petition against the encouragement of foreign labour, which was referred to the same Committee of Council as was appointed on the

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foreigners' petition, and a copy of that petition was ordered to be delivered to the Londoners (pp. 163–4).

The merchants of the Intercourse, being 27 persons, Dutch and Burgundians born in the Netherlands, petition the Protector for continuance of their freedom from assessments, pleading ancient treaties and orders of Parliament, and the immunity granted to English merchants in Antwerp and Rotterdam, on account of this exemption. They complain that the Assessment Committee has greatly overrated them, and taken their goods by force, breaking open locks for payment, and that all applications to the Committee of Parliament for petitions, the Committee for Trade, and the Dutch and Spanish ambassadors, have failed to obtain redress. They beg restitution of the goods distrained, and suspension of further distraints, on the ground of the inconveniences which must else fall on the English abroad by the violation of the ancient privileges. Their appeal was referred by the Protector to Council, and by Council to a committee (pp. 389, 390).

Several disturbances arose on the subject of enclosures. At Walsall, in Staffordshire, a riot broke out, and an enclosure made by a Mr. Pershouse was thrown down. Commissary Gen. Whalley was ordered to march with two troops of his regiment to the town, to assist the mayor in apprehending the chief rioters, and suppressing riots and unlawful assemblies in and about the town, and the ringleaders were ordered to be sent up to London, though they were ultimately sent home to be proceeded against according to law (pp. 110, 111, 179, 180, 268).

There are several proceedings upon a midnight riot connected with the enclosures in the fen country. On Aug. 14th, Whalley was sent with two troops of horse to the Isle of Ely, with orders to disperse the mutineers

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who had thrown down the level of the fens, to examine the ringleaders, and to send them up to town (p. 114).

On Aug. 31st, letters from Wilberton in Norfolk record that the rioters assembled with arms, beat the workmen, threw down the works, and destroyed the drains, and there was great fear that local legislation would be ineffective, because from the strong feeling against enclosures in the county, the jury were likely to take part with the rioters. "I doubt," writes one of the fen adventurers, "the jury "will serve us as they did in the case of John Lilburne, and "then we are worse than we were before. Nothing would "fright and quiet them more than if there were 100 of these "desperate fellows pressed for the service; they, being all "watermen, and having little to do at home, make these "night excursions, and show their valour against my Lord "General's men, which would be much better employed "against the Dutch" (pp. 114-6, 118–121).

The Commissioners sent out to make inquiries found their investigations difficult, because "the business is so "much in the dark, and so subtly and cunningly carried "out by the country, that no considerable discovery is yet "made, neither is there much probability of it in the "future" (p. 128);—a prediction seemingly fulfilled, for no more is heard of the rioters,—but the adventurers request an order for examination into all riots committed within two years, and for sending up the actors and abettors to Council, the order already given only extending to the last midnight riot (p. 141).

A report being returned upon a riot committed in June 1653 against the draining of Hatfield Chase, in which much grain, many houses, and the town of Lantoft had been destroyed, and advising settlement of the adventurers in 7,400 acres, an order was issued to employ military power, and to quarter troops in the neighbourhood, to protect

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the owners of the 7,400 acres. Also for a special commission of oyer and terminer to punish the offenders, and for a grant to the owners of reparation of damage (pp. 57, 118).

A contest, important in the interests of trade, was carried on between the Greenland or Muscovy Company, who claimed the sole right to the fishery there, and the free traders to Greenland, or, as they were considered, interlopers. The arguments of the company are their discovery of the trade and protection of it from the Dutch; their chartered rights, confirmed by the Navy Commissioners and Committee for Trade; and their vested interests. They beg to retain possession of Horn and Bell Sounds, pleading the difficulties and disputes that might arise from the fishing by conflicting interests in one harbour, and urging that private adventurers could not succeed, because the erection of storehouses is needful to store the oil of a successful year, which will occur every three or four years when the whales come in shoals, and compensate for two or three losing years, and these storehouses, involving large outlay, would not be erected by private individuals (pp. 362, 378–380).

The free adventurers, being chiefly Hull merchants, plead that the trade was discovered 40 years ago by Hull men; that there is ample room for all who desire to fish; and that it is inconsistent with the public weal to restrain the fishing to 50 people, who enhance the price of oil by their inability to bring in a sufficient quantity; that Bell Sound is 30 miles by 15, and Green Harbour still larger, and that by admission of all, there would no longer be the need of importing oil and furs from Holland, and the State would be strengthened by the increase of shipping (pp. 378–380).

They propose that the Greenland harbours be open to all; that the number of shallops competent to fish any

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arbour be settled; that the first comers choose their places; and, when the appointed number has arrived, no others thrust into the harbour (p. 393). They argue that of the 3,000 tons of shipping required to guard and fish in the English harbours of Greenland, the company only supply 1,600, whilst Hull and York find 400, Yarmouth 500, and other free adventurers 500 tons (p. 421), and propose that each port should be tied to send a certain number of vessels yearly to fish with the company (pp. 419–421).

Several papers occur relative to the redemption of English captives taken by African pirates, and enslaved in great misery in the kingdom of Barbary, at Sally, Tunis, Tripoli, Algiers, &c. A committee was appointed to receive petitions from any whose friends were in captivity, and consider means for their redemption with the moneys —a small percentage called Argiers or Algiers duty— which had long been levied at the Custom House for that express purpose (p. 122).

This committee employed Chas. Longland, agent at Leghorn, to undertake the redemption of the captives at Tripoli, and he undertook the task with energy. "You "may console those poor men and women who have "friends there," he writes on Oct. 24th, "that no time "will be lost, and that I will not sleep in quiet until I "have put the business in a way for their redemption" (p. 213). On Nov. 21st, he writes that he has hired a bark at Genoa for 1,000 dollars to go to Tripoli and back, and has offered the Bashaw, to whom he sends presents value 60 or 80 dollars, 200 dollars a man; he objects to the request of the committee for five or six persons named to be first redeemed, because in that case they will not be had under 100*l.* a man, one individual, Abraham Rogers, having "cut his own ransom there at 400 dollars." "You

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" will see," he adds, " by the enclosed list, that half of the " men are officers, so that if you can get them for 200, I " shall esteem it very reasonable. All care shall be had " to manage the business with frugality, although there " will be other large charges besides the ransoms before " they get to England, except some shipping come out " whereon they may be embarked " (p. 263).

After the dispatch of the bark with an agent on board who was ordered " to stand hard at 150 dollars " a man, and not to go beyond 200, Longland heard of a Sicilian friar, who had collected 14,000 dollars to redeem the captives of that nation, and had paid 350 dollars for officers, and 250 for common men, and asks directions in case the Bashaw insists on similar terms (p. 89); but although there are several later letters from Longland in the volume, no further notice of the captives occurs.

As to individual cases, an attempt was made to redeem Mat. Holt, captive in Tripoli, for 320 dollars, and 20 per cent. exchange, the money being paid on his arrival at Leghorn, and the redeemer running the risk afterwards, but even that could not be accomplished unless the money were paid beforehand (pp. 42, 167-8).

Mat. Aderam of Plymouth was freed by Edm. Casson, and served him and Hum. Oneby, consul at Algiers, four years before a vessel arrived that could take him to England; the amount of ransom is not named (p. 52). Rob. Downe in Sally redeems 22 men from the west of England, but is obliged to abandon to their fate seven others, who belong to " the Saint," and he will not let them go for money (p. 86).

Among individuals who figure in the present volume one of the most remarkable is the blunt, rash soldier, Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne. The preceding volume notes his return from abroad without leave, and his seizure and

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imprisonment in Newgate thereupon. An inquiry was set on foot into "his carriage in foreign parts" (p. 22), the result of which seems to have been unfavourable, for it was decided that Lilburne should undergo a trial at the Old Bailey, and it took place in July, but was not terminated till Aug. 20th.

Grievous offence was taken by Parliament at the presentation on his behalf of a printed petition from the young men and apprentices of London, Westminster, and Southwark, styling themselves "well-affected and constant "adherers to the interests of Parliament and their own "fundamental rights and freedoms." It was pronounced a high breach of the privileges of Parliament, scandalous and seditious. The six persons who brought it in were committed to the custody of the serjeant-at-arms (p. 65), and a committee was formed to examine the authors, contrivers, printers, and presenters of it (p. 98).

At request of the Lord Mayor and Recorder of London that the judges who were in town might be present at the trial, Justices Warburton and Aske were summoned. The former attended, but the latter was represented by Keble, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal (p. 88). The prosecution was entrusted to the Attorney-General, aided by the Solicitor-General, the attorney of the Duchy, and Mr. Graves (pp. 4, 85), yet to the ineffable disgust of Government, the jury acquitted the prisoner (p. 120).

The Lord Mayor and Recorder, the Attorney-General, and Keble and Warburton, were immediately summoned before the Council of State, to give an account of their proceedings, "expressing the same as particularly as may be" (pp. 98, 101). The jury were also examined, and the clerks of the court gave in their notes, taken in shorthand, of Lilburne's "scandalous and seditious speeches," made

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during the trial.* The case was then referred from Council to Parliament, who, instead of liberating the man according to the verdict of acquittal, ordered that "for the peace of the nation" he be further secured, and requested the opinion of the Council of State on the papers presented (pp. 101, 105).

Meanwhile, on Aug. 27th, Col. Hacker was sent with a party of horse to Newgate, to receive Lilburne and deliver him in safe custody to the Lieutenant of the Tower (p. 107). The following November, Lilburne was summoned on some private matter to the Upper Bench Court, and he was allowed once to appear, being conveyed thither in a barge, under strict custody (p. 311), but Council refused to permit him to leave the Tower again, he being placed there by authority of Parliament, and not to be removed without their order (pp. 242, 253, 254, 266). His wife was permitted to repair to him, but only on condition that she should remain with him, and that no visits should be allowed to either (p. 126). On Cromwell's access to power, his position was so far improved as that he was allowed visitors, at the discretion of the Lieutenant of the Tower (p. 344), and a regular allowance of 8*l.* a month was granted for his subsistence (pp. 457, 458).

Of other noteworthy persons may be named General Blake, who, though appointed to join Monk in the generalship of the fleet, had to be put on shore at Walderswick, near Southwold, on July 5th, in a very weak condition, through an attack of gravel; though suffering from pain, fever, and headache, he was quartered in a place so noisy that he would find it impossible to take rest, even if his physical condition permitted it (p. 79). It was thought

* Howell's State Trials, vol. V. pp. 407–459, contains an imperfect account of the trial, and of the examinations of the acquitting jury.

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advisable to send to him Dr. Whistler, the head of the medical staff on the eastern coast, for management of the sick and wounded (p. 15). His illness, combined with the death of General Deane, as recorded in the preceding volume, left Monk for some time sole commander of the fleet (p. 17). Blake was, however, sufficiently recovered to take part in the engagement with the Dutch of 29th and 31st July, in which the English fleet obtained a signal victory over Van Tromp (pp. 67–71), and he received with Monk the thanks of Parliament, with a gold chain value 300*l.*, whilst chains worth 100*l.* each were given to Vice-Admiral Penn and Rear-Admiral Lawson (p. 77). There are numerous letters of Blake in the present volume (*see* Index), but of official rather than personal interest.

Several letters also occur of Eliz. Alkin, alias Parliament Joan, the Florence Nightingale in humble life of the period. Her womanly instincts ever prompted her presence and help to the sick and suffering sent ashore from the fleet, up to and beyond the range of her means. On June 2nd, she writes from Harwich that she has spent on necessaries for the sick and wounded, three times as much as the 5*l.* given her when sent down there, for she "cannot see them want" if she has it, though in consequence she owes money for her own diet. She has given much "to have their bodies cleaned, their hair cut, and "their clothes mended," and only been able to obtain 20*s.* from the Mayor of Harwich, and therefore begs a speedy supply. She has been to look after the men at Ipswich, and would have brought up to London those who were fit to bear the journey, but that Major Bourne is anxious for her to remain to wait the issue of the next engagement (p. 5). Major Bourne promised to accommodate her with money, and paid her 10*l.*, but the large-hearted woman spent 4*l.* on the English sick and wounded,

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and 6*l*. on the Dutch prisoners landed at Harwich and Ipswich after the fight of 29th and 31st July; "seeing "their wants and misery were so great," she writes, "I could not but have pity upon them, although our "enemies."

The consequence of her exertions was that she herself fell ill, and had to return to London, with only 3*s*. in her pocket. Although the Council of State ordered her 10*l*. on Dec. 6th, 1653, and the Protector 10*l*. on 10th Jan. 1654, she writes in February 1654 two pitiful letters, begging for further aid, her many infirmities being brought on by continual watchings day and night. She says she now requires two nurses, and has been forced to sell her bed and other goods, and begs either relief or admission to some hospital, that she may end her days less miserably (pp. 353, 413, 422, 457, 480).

The Major Bourne alluded to by Parliament Joan was another complainant of want of consideration. He gives an outline of his services as commander for two years of a squadron on the coast of Scotland, though only receiving captain's pay at 12*s*. a day; then for a short time as rear-admiral of the fleet in the Downs; then as navy commissioner at Harwich, where, in the pressure of business, he did not stand upon the dignity of his position, but "willingly took up any man's work" and exerted his utmost efforts in repair of the numerous ships sent in, though with little aid from the dockyard officers. He was also commissioned by the General, during his own absence, to give orders to all ships on the coast. He found the expenses of his position heavy, especially in a place where the proximity of the fleet enhanced the prices of provisions; and the multiplicity of his public business prevented him during many months from spending six hours in his private affairs, which suffered in consequence.

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He professes to have done all this from an apprehension of necessity to act with all his might, and on principles of conscience, seeking his compensation in the interest of the Lord Jesus and his Saints, so deeply concerned in these affairs, yet urges that he ought to be so treated as to be able to keep what he had when he entered the service " unless the necessity of the public require it, to which I " shall freely submit " (pp. 154–5).

He writes later of want of sufficient accommodation, and must have more if he is to remain at Harwich; then of an earnest desire to come to town to see his family; of being nearly killed by the November cold in coasting up and down, and of harass from the mutinous dispositions of the seamen on board several of the ships in harbour for want of pay, which it needed the intervention of the soldiers from Landguard fort to suppress. He does not work for wages, and would have been content with his expenses, " but the world is unequally divided " (pp. 181–2, 207, 210, 232).

His request to come to town, though often repeated, found no response (p. 270), and his troubles were increased by the failure of a private enterprise. He had sent three vessels to New England to purchase large masts, much wanted for the Navy, but two of them were captured by the Dutch and one foundered at sea, to a loss of 1,000*l.* On representation of his case to the Protector, however, he was specially recommended for favour to Council, who ordered him the gift of a Dutch prize ship, value 400*l.* If he chose one of greater value, 400*l.* was to be deducted from the purchase money (pp. 375–6, 413).

The engineering Earl of Worcester renews his appeals for relief, as alluded to in the preface to the last Calendar. The allowance from the State of 3*l.* a week will, he complains, only pay his prison charges; he much needs freedom on the

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ground of health, and his poor lady, who brought him a very good estate, is in danger of perishing through want. He begs help and release on bail (pp. 295, 380), pleading that he has not been engaged against the State since the time limited by the Act of Pardon, and "came in only out "of confidence to submit to this Government"; but his plea was vain. He was allowed in December to go in charge of the Lieutenant of the Tower to Worcester House, to give information before the Commissioners of Accounts and Public Debts, on an information of his son, Lord Herbert, but was to return to the Tower (p. 315).

In Feb. 1654 he begs leave to come with his keeper to York House, Strand, his presence being necessary for a trial of his invention "to raise water in a 7-inch bore "pipe, by the strength of one man, for which people "have hitherto used horses at vast expense." This request was complied with, but the noble inventor had to return to his captivity (p. 401).

There are few literary entries of importance. The late King's great Bible, with rich bosses, in custody of Carew Harvey Mildmay, is ordered to be brought in to Council (p. 437).

The import is ordered, duty free, of 7,000 reams of paper, required by Dr. Brune Ryves for printing the translation of the Bible into Oriental and other learned tongues (pp. 16, 428). The gentlemen who undertake the printing of the said Bible are to have delivered to them the copy of Tecla's Septuagint, belonging to the library at James's House, for perfecting the work, on security of its restoration without defacement (pp. 58–9). There is also an order for taking care of the James's library, and a committee appointed to carry out the instructions of Parliament concerning it (pp. 16, 234). Henry Lawrence, a member of the Council of State, was appointed its

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keeper, and Mr. Cockayne was ordered to give him the keys, and deliver to him all the catalogues of the books, medals, &c. therein contained (pp. 238, 273).

Several letters from Jas. Allestrye to Viscount Conway on the purchase of books have a value as to the current prices (pp. 35, 43, 85).

A few notices occur of proceedings towards writers against Government (pp. 188, 199, 438, 448), as John Speed, author of the "Parliament's Catechism" (p. 173); Rob. White, Geo. Wharton, and John FitzSmith, for printing scandalous almanacs (pp. 193, 209, 436); John Clowes and Rob. Austin, for printing "A charge against "the Lord General" (p. 446); John Bidle, for "A twofold "Catechism" (pp. 414, 425); Thos. Locke and Hen. Barnes, for printing and publishing seditious books generally (p. 438); and Wm. Rand, for scandalous papers (p. 437).

The books named which met with the approval of Government are Dr. Holmes' "Resurrection revealed, or "the dawning of the Day Star"; and "Curia politiæ," which is to be printed only under orders of Secretary Thurloe (p. 287).

For other noteworthy items, the reader is referred to the Index.

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Anlaby, Mr.	—	*e*	*l*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*l*	*e*	—	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	11
Barton, Col.	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	19
Bennet, Gervase	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	15
Bingham, Col.	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	11
Brownlow, Sir Wm.	—	-	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	14
Carew, John	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	*l*	*l*	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Cooper, Sir A. A.	—	*e*	*e*	*l*	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	20
Cromwell, Col. H.	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	25
Cromwell, Lord Gen.	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	15
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	*e*	*e*	—	*l*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	10
Eure, Lord	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*l*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	21
Fleetwood, Col. Geo.	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*l*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	10
Goddard, Dr. J.	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	15
Harrison, Maj.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Howard, Capt. C.	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
James, Col.	—	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	8
Jones, Col. Phil.	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	15
King, Sir Rob.	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Lawrence, Hen.	—	—	*e*	*l*	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*l*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	14
Lisle, Viscount	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	14
Major, Mr.	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*l*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	15
Montague, Col.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	27
Pickering, Sir G.	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	*l*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	14
Roberts, Sir W.	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*l*	*e*	17
Rous, Col.	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	18
Sadler, Mr.	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*l*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	16
Stone, Capt. John	—	*e*	*l*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*l*	*l*	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	10
Strickland, W.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*l*	*l*	*l*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	21
Sydenham, Col. W.	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*l*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	18
Tichborne, Ald.	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	*l*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	13
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*l*	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	18

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Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Eighth Council of State—*cont.*

—	December 1653.										
	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	Totals. 9.
Anlaby, Mr.	—	*e*	—	*l*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	4
Barton, Col.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	6
Bennet, Gervase	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	6
Bingham, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Brownlow, Sir W.	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	5
Carew, John	—	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	3
Cooper, Sir A. A.	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*l*	—	—	—	4
Cromwell, Col. Hen.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	7
Cromwell, Lord Gen.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	5
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	4
Eure, Lord	—	*e*	—	—	*e*	*l*	—	—	—	3
Fleetwood, Col. G.	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	4
Goddard, Dr. J.	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	4
Harrison, Maj.-Gen.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Howard, Capt. C.	—	—	*e*	*l*	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	4
James, Col.	*e*	—	—	—	—	*l*	—	—	*e*	3
Jones, Col. P.	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	7
King, Sir Rob.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Lawrence, Hen.	—	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	*e*	—	3
Lisle, Viscount	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	3
Major, Mr.	*e*	—	*e*	*l*	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	5
Montague, Col.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	—	—	5
Pickering, Sir G.	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	—	—	—	4
Roberts, Sir W.	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	—	—	5
Rous, Col. Ant.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	9
Sadler, Mr.	—	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	7
Stone, Capt. John	—	*e*	—	—	—	—	—	—	*e*	2
Strickland, W.	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	*e*	*e*	6
Sydenham, Col. W.	*e*	—	—	*l*	—	—	—	—	—	2
Tichborne, Ald.	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	*e*	*e*	6
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*e*	*e*	*e*	*e*	—	—	*e*	—	*e*	6

Table of Daily Attendances of the Members of the Protector's Council.

—	December 1653.																						
	16	19	20	21	21	22	23	23	24	24	26	26	27	28	29	31	31	Totals. 17
Lord Protector Cromwell.	—	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	6
Cooper, Sir A. A.	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Jones, Col. P.	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Lambert, Maj.-Gen.	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	15
Lawrence, Hen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	14
Major, Mr.	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Montague, Col.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Pickering, Sir G.	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Rous, Col. Ant.	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	8
Skippon, Maj.-Gen.	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	6
Strickland, Walter	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	14
Sydenham, Col. W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	16
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17

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Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council.

—	January 1654.																									
	2	3	4	5	6	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	20	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	31	Totals 25.
Lord Protector Cromwell.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	—	5
Cooper, Sir Ant. A. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	24
Desborow, Maj.-Gen. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	11
Jones, Col. P. - -	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	22
Lambert, Maj.-Gen. -	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	16
Lawrence, Hen. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	25
Lisle, Viscount - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	14
Major, Mr. - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	8
Montague, Col. - -	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	23
Pickering, Sir G. - -	—	—	—	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	16
Rous, Col. Ant. - -	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	20
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. -	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	12
Strickland, W. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	20
Sydenham, Col. W. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	17
Wolsley, Sir Chas. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	24

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Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

—	February 1654.																					
	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	Totals. 21
Lord Protector Cromwell.	—	*p*	—	No list of attendance.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	—	3
Cooper, Sir Anth. A. -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	[*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Desborow, Maj.-Gen. -	*p*	—	—		*p*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	—	—	5
Jones, Col. P. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Lambert, Maj.-Gen. -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	13
Lawrence, Hen. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Lisle, Viscount - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	16
Mackworth, Col. - -	—	—	—		—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	14
Major, Mr. - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Montague, Col. - -	*p*	—	*p*		*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	15
Pickering, Sir G. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	13
Rous, Col. Anth. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. -	*p*	—	—		*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	*p*	*p*	—	—	*p*	*p*•	11
Strickland, W. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	18
Sydenham, Col. W. -	—	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	—	—	—	-	*p*	12
Wolsley, Sir Chas. -	*p*	*p*	*p*		*p*	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	—	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18

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Total Daily Attendances.

Council of State.

Months	Nov. 1653.	Dec. 1653.	Months	Nov. 1653.	Dec. 1653.
No. of Sittings held	28	10	James, Col.	8	3
Anlaby, Mr.	11	4	Jones, Col. P.	15	7
Barton, Col.	19	6	King, Sir Rob.	3	0
Bennet, Gervase	15	6	Lawrence, Hen.	14	3
Bingham, Col.	11	0	Lisle, Viscount	14	3
Brownlow, Sir W.	14	5	Major, Mr.	15	5
Carew, John	7	3	Montague, Col.	27	5
Cooper, Sir A. A.	20	4	Pickering, Sir G.	14	4
Cromwell, Col. Hen.	25	7	Roberts, Sir W.	17	5
Cromwell, Lord Gen. O.	15	5	Rous, Col. Ant.	18	9
Desborow, Major-Gen.	11	4	Sadler, Mr.	16	7
Eure, Lord	23	3	Stone, Capt. John	10	2
Fleetwood, Col. G.	10	4	Strickland, Walter	21	6
Goddard, Dr. J.	15	4	Sydenham, Col. W.	18	2
Harrison, Major-Gen.	0	0	Tichborne, Ald.	13	6
Howard, Capt. C.	14	4	Wolsley, Sir Chas.	18	6

Protector's Council.

Months	Dec. 1653.	Jan. 1654.	Feb. 1654.	Months	Dec. 1653.	Jan. 1654.	Feb. 1654.
No. of Sittings held	17	25	21	Major, Mr.	3	8	16
Cromwell, Lord Protector	6	5	3	Montague, Col.	16	23	15
Cooper, Sir A. A.	16	24	10	Pickering, Sir G.	2	16	13
Desborow, Major-Gen.	12	11	5	Rous, Col. Ant.	8	20	18
Jones, Col. Phil.	13	22	18	Skippon, Major-Gen.	6	12	11
Lambert, Major-Gen.	15	16	13	Strickland, Walter	14	20	18
Lawrence, Hen.	17	25	20	Sydenham, Col. Wm	16	17	12
Lisle, Viscount	14	14	16	Wolsley, Sir Chas.	17	24	18
Mackworth, Col.	0	0	14				

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July 1. Council of State. Day's Proceedings.

1–3, 10, 12. The Whitehall Committee to provide lodgings for Alderman Dickinson of York, Rich. Sweet, and Mr. Bouthill, and to give those late Col. Hutchinson's to Sir Wm. Roberts, and the stables and coachhouses, late Solicitor Reynolds', to Mr. Moyer.

4. The petition of Garrett Casteele, tailor of London, to be sent to the Merchant Tailors' Company, who are to return to Council the state of his case, and meantime to suffer him to work without disturbance.

5. The petition of Dame Lettice Holcroft referred to the Committee appointed to consider the warrants charged by the Revenue Committee on Capt. Falconbridge.

6. That of John and Edward Bushell, and others interested in the prize Golden Oven, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to cause the wines mentioned to be surveyed, and if they find them defective, to allow the usual abatement of customs to the said ship's lading of decayed wines.

8. Order on petition of Capt. Rob. Massey, that a letter be written to the Militia Commissioners for co. Dorset, about so much of the petition as relates to his debt, and to require of them an account of the money ordered to be assessed for the militia, as to what is received and paid, and what remains in cash or uncollected, and also to show cause why Massey has not yet been paid.

11. The report from the Army Committee on Capt. Blackwell's behalf, appointed to have been made to Parliament, referred to the Committee for Ireland.

13. John Smith appointed controller of the Excise Office in London, in place of Mr. Bonner.

14. Col. Okey, Lieut.-Col. Biscoe, Majors Miller and Haines, Mr. Margets, and Col. Clerke added to the Committee to hear the petition of Mr. Anguish.

17, 18. Order on petition of the inhabitants of Whitechurch, Salop, that Thos. Porter, now minister there, be continued, till further notice by the supreme power or this Council. The justices of peace to see that he is not molested.

19. The quorum of trustees and contractors for bishops', deans', and chapters' lands, reduced to three.

22. The late order of Council, whereby all persons who subscribed the petition from several aldermen and other inhabitants of London were suspended from all places of employment, for which they received salaries, to be taken off as to such as were treasurers,

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trustees, or contractors for sale of bishops', deans', and chapters' lands.

23. The Posts' Committee to adjust the accounts of Mr. Malyn, Mr. Oxenbridge, and the rest of the new undertakers, and to report.

24. Lambert, Disborow, and Carew appointed a Committee to confer with the Commissioners for Inspection about the business contained in a letter of Capt. Deane to Lambert and Disborow. Deane to get the said commissioners to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

25. A pass to be granted to Capts. Cornelius Arentse Cruyck, Jan Gedeonse Verburghs, and Cornelis Lourense to Holland, being ordered to be exchanged for Capts. Appleton, Marsh, and Seaman, now prisoners with the Dutch.

26. The report from the Committee to confer with some of the officers of the army concerning their petition presented to Council, recommended to the supreme authority, as being most proper for their consideration.

27. The petition of Charles Earl of Nottingham, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

28. Capt. Falconbridge to pay Mr. Scobell the arrears of his salary as clerk of Parliament.

29. Order that as on statement of the case nothing appears whereby Viscount Mansfield should be excluded from the benefit of the Act of Oblivion, his case be recommended to the supreme authority. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 470–476.]

July 1. Order by Lord Gen. Cromwell and the Council of State that the powers of the Committee of Indemnity conferred by Parliament on Sam. Moyer, Jas. Russell, Edw. Winslow, Josias Berners, Wm. Molins, Art. Squibb, and Rich. Moore until this day, be continued to Moyer, Berners, Squibb, and Moore, with Edw. Cary and Geo. Foxcroft, to 1 November next. [*I.* 69, *pp.* 479, 480.]

July 1. Navy Office. **1.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We have endeavoured to make the several supplies of masts, cordage, anchors, and other necessaries from the yards to the fleet, but unless there is a timely supply of money to recruit the stores, we shall be at great disadvantage, and the stores will cost 20 per cent. more. There are bills signed for upwards of 100,000*l.* for ready money, and the hemp, masts, tar, &c. required will cost above 200,000*l.*

We have used all means to keep the men that have come in of late, by ordering them to be paid to the end of December, and giving tickets to the captains of the ships to which they are turned over for the remaining time. They have absented themselves, but we hope they will appear now, as Col. Barkstead is abroad. We have often complained of the debauching of seamen by the swarm of ale-houses on the Thames.

We wish the business of attending to Dutch prisoners and the widows of slain seamen may be transferred to other hands, as we have more business than we can well manage. You order us to pay some ships that only came into the service since 1 February, and

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we have hitherto obeyed your orders not to sign tickets payable since 1 January, though the clamour of the seamen for money is very great. Pray send further directions. [1⅔ *pages.*]

July 1. London. **2.** Thos. Atkin to his brother Alderman Tichborne. The Parliament Committee for the Customs ordered that ⅓ of the money received at Yarmouth for coals for the poor [should be paid] to the poor of Norwich. The whole receipt for last year was 326*l.* 16*s.*, of which Norwich had 108*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* There was no return from Yarmouth of what was received up to last April, before the disturbance in the Parliament House. It is desired that you and the other Commissioners will order the receiver there to pay that ⅓ to the Mayor of Norwich for the poor there, as most of the coals that come to Yarmouth are vented at Norwich, and places from thence. [¾ *page.*]

July 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. John Hagget appointed chief justice for cos. Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan. The Lord General to send his warrant to the Lords Commissioners of the Seals to give him a commission.

2. To write the Governor of Portsmouth that 16 officers of quality landed at Rye this week, including Col. Legge and Major Thomas, and to desire him to be watchful and prevent suspicious meetings in his garrison or the country round, and to examine strictly all who come into the garrison.

3. To write to the Mayor of Rye and officers of the port to the same effect, and desiring them to give what account they can of the said persons.

4. Major Wade appointed Commander-in-Chief in the Isle of Man. Major-Gen. Lambert to speak with him thereon.

5. The information of Abraham Johnson and others referred to Mr. Thurloe, who is to confer with Dr. Walker concerning putting the matter into such a way of examination as shall prove useful in the trial.

6, 7. Mr. Eltonhead, Norbury, Powell, and Perke, late judges for Wales, to bring in their patents to Mr. Thurloe.

8. Col. Sydenham to be desired, on information of the landing of the 16 commanders at Rye, to write to the commanders of the forts in the Isle of Wight, to take care of their charges, and be careful whom they admit to the castles.

10. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Swedish agent at 4 p.m. at Whitehall, Sir Oliver Fleming to give him notice.

11. To write to the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland that the 200*l.* a year settled upon Mrs. Cook, widow of Col. Cook, is not to be charged with assessments.

12. The petition of Martin Lister, Hugh May, and Chas. Valois referred to the Committee for Obstructions, to report.

15. The lodgings, late Mr. Scott's in Whitehall, given to Col. Geo. Fleetwood and Lieut.-Col. Geo. Baldwin, the Queen's closet in the little gallery excepted.

16. The Committee for Whitehall to take care that Cols. Norton,

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Bingham, Kenrick, Mr. Broughton, Mr. French, Robt. Fenwick, Mr. Ogle, and other gentlemen appointed to be of the supreme power, be fitted with convenient lodgings in Whitehall, Somerset House, the Mews, and Stephen's Court, Westminster, out of those voided by order of Council.

18. The petition of Richard Wollaston referred to the Committee appointed to consider what warrants are fit to be paid and signed by the Revenue Committee.

19. Mr. Strickland and the Committee for redemption of Captives to take care that Henry Peach, captive in Sally, be redeemed, and the paper given to Council concerning that business referred to them.

20. Desborow, Sydenham, Strickland, and Moyer to examine the account of Capt. Boreman, and state what is due to him, and out of what treasury it should be paid.

21. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to pay to Robt. Blackborne 100*l.* more towards paying for Gen. Deane's funeral.

22. The Irish and Scotch Committee to examine the account of John Emery of his disbursements about the house of Whitehall, and report.

26. The petition of Alex. Bowling, and the papers annexed, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to state the account, and report.

27. The petition of Wil. Hulls referred to Harrison and Sydenham, to report.

28, 29. Mr. Solicitor to be assistant to Mr. Attorney-General in the trial of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne at the next sessions of gaol delivery, held in the Old Bailey, London, and such judges of Westminster Hall as are in town to be present.

30. The bill of William Du Gard for books printed for the use of the State to be paid out of Council's contingencies, Mr. Scobell first examining it and certifying his allowance thereof.

32. The petition of Capt. Reeves Williams referred to Capt. Cozins, commander of Pendennis Castle, to examine the business, secure the persons complained of, if he shall see cause, and such of the stolen goods and plate as shall be discovered, and certify.

33. The petition of Richard Bostock, Thos. Harper, and Jeremiah Copping, for themselves and others, referred to the Committee for the Posts, to consider whether they be fit to continue their respective employments, and report.

35. The lodgings of Jane Neale to be continued to her, and this signified to the Committee of Whitehall.

37. Order on petition of Thos. Coke, prisoner in the Tower, that he be set at liberty on bail, on security to the Lieutenant of the Tower to be forthcoming when summoned, either by the supreme power or Council. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 1–9.]

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July 2. Harwich. **3.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. The Kentish and other ships are detained by contrary winds. As a greater portion of the beer on board the victuallers is very bad, it will not be advisable to send it to the fleet. I wish some instrument were appointed to survey and dispose of it, and discharge the ship. I will inquire into the sick and wounded in the town, and send the worst up to the hospitals, and those who are well on board the ships, but the place is not advantageous for their recovery, the water being brackish and bad. [1 *page.*]

July 2. Harwich. **4.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. The provisions promised have not arrived. I am going to Yarmouth on Monday. I have sent up the Ann Piercy as she is unfit for service. There are several ships here with provisions for the fleet, and as beer is the principal part, and it is bad, I have stayed them until further order; let some competent person be sent down to examine it. I have discharged two ships with victuals from Ipswich, and desire orders as to discharging three others, lying in the harbour at great charge. [1 *page.*]

June 2. Harwich. **5.** Elizabeth Alkin to Robt. Blackborne. I have expended the 5*l.* with which you sent me down, and three times as much for necessaries for the sick and wounded. I cannot see them in want if I have it. I have given a great deal to have their bodies cleansed, their hair cut, and their clothes mended, so that I have spent both your money and my own, and I owe for my diet. I often go to Ipswich to see the men there. I got 20*s.* of the Mayor of Harwich, but he is in great want himself; send me money speedily.

P.S.—Major Bourne wants me to stay till he hear the event of this new engagement, or I should have come to London with the wounded men. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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1, 2, 6. **6.** Mr. Leman's lodgings in Whitehall assigned to Mr. Wingfield, and Major Salway's to Majors Smith and Salway. The Committee to put them in possession, and also to take care that the room and closet desired by Mr. Barton, near the Cockpit, be assigned to him, if it be not part of the lodgings belonging to the Cockpit, or a passage leading thereto.

3. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the letter from Colonel Heane of 26 June, examine the business therein relating to Captain Mason, and report.

4. To write to the Lieutenant of the Tower to take care that the money lately coined and placed in a room there be kept till further order, after paying 5,000*l.* to Mr. Frost for Council's contingencies, on a warrant received.

5. To write the commander of the Phœnix and Constant Warwick to sail to the fleet.

7. The petition of John Manley referred to the Committee for the Posts, to send for and examine the persons complained of, and any others who obstruct the carrying of letters by Manley or any

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employed by him, and if it be as alleged by petitioner, to take care that he be put into quiet possession of the said post office.

10. To issue warrant to the keeper of the Gatehouse, to deliver Jeffry Brown and Wm. Brent to the officer of a party of horse appointed by the Lord General to carry them to Chester, there to remain till a ship arrives to transport them to Dublin, to be delivered to the Commissioners there, in order to their trial. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 13, 14.]

July 4. Whitehall. Declaration of the Council of State that—having considered the condition, as to exemption of taxes, on which Sir Theodore Mayerne, a stranger born and very eminent in his profession, was invited to England, and which has been hitherto continued to him,—to express their esteem of his quality and abilities, and to manifest how acceptable his residence here is to them, he is to be free from all taxes and assessments, provided that his land in all parts be liable as hitherto. [*I.* 70, *p.* 15.]

July 4. The Resolution, off Winteron. **7.** Generals Blake and Monk to the Admiralty Committee. We were driven by the wind as far to leeward as Flamborough Head, in our way to Sole Bay, but expect to get to the rendezvous with the fleet to-morrow. We desire the victualling ships may be expedited. We have a considerable number of sick men, 80 in this ship only, and we shall be compelled to send them to Ipswich, where Dr. Whistler writes there is plenty of room and good accommodation. A fresh supply of sound men must be made, or the fleet will be very weakly manned. We have sent the Worcester to Chatham for repairs. We recommend her captain, a godly and valiant man, also Capt. Newbery of the Entrance, Capt. Blagg of the Marmaduke, and Capt. Hermon of the Welcome, for commissions in the frigates now building. We want paper and canvas for cartridges, junk, victuals to last to the end of September, and all the clean ships and frigates that are now ready. [2 *pages.*]

July 4. Dartmouth. **8.** Capt. Rich. Mill to the Admiralty Committee. I have shipped aboard the Lily 100 men to sail for Portsmouth. I have sent up 150 since I left London, and find more men in Cornwall and the west than in the east. I hope to get 200 more. I want a frigate or two to attend about Falmouth three weeks hence for them. Capt. Stanerd of a privateer, and his lieutenant, Nutt, have detained several men that I had pressed. Nutt was a pirate, and threatened to shoot Capt. Blowfield, who attempted to come aboard him. The country is very much unsatisfied that such should go to sea. With note for the seamen to be despatched by the Warwick. [1 *page.*]

July 4. Harwich. **9.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. The Kentish and President have sailed to the fleet, and the Marmaduke and Society will be ready to-morrow. I am glad Col. Pride has come to judge the provisions and beer; he has condemned the beer on two ships. I wish Mr. Lewis could reside here, and attend to that

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business. I will despatch all ships that come in from the fleet to be refitted. I shall save money for the State; but for this, I should move for a removal. [1 *page.*]

July 5. **10.** Certificate by Rich. Sherwin and John Leech, the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers, to the Admiralty Committee that the late treasurers received 11,038*l.* 15*s.* on the Act for Sale and Compounding, between 18 Nov. 1652 and 22 Feb. 1653, and the present treasurers 5,172*l.* 5*s.* up to 2 July, making an average for the nine weeks of 853*l.* 4*s.* weekly. [½ *page.*]

[July 5.] **11.** Certificate on an Admiralty Committee order of 4 July, that from 28 Jan. to 2 July there has been received [for the navy] on the last Act for sale of delinquents' estates, 34,038*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, being an average of 1,479*l.* 18*s.* 10½*d.* a week. [⅔ *page.*]

July 5. Dartmouth. **12.** Stephen Knowling to the Navy Commissioners. The Lily has shipped 80 seamen and gone for Portsmouth. The coast is much infested with French pirates, who lately captured 4 colliers from Wales; a small frigate or two would clear us from these thieves. There is a report that 90 sail of Hollanders have arrived at Rochelle, of which 12 are men-of-war, said to be Van Tromp's squadron, and are ranging to and fro to get purchases about these parts. [1 *page.*]

July 5. Harwich. **13.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I have just received advice that the fleet has come to Southwold Bay, and several frigates are ordered in to Harwich. As tallow is 50*s.* per cwt. here, and no doubt cheaper in London, let 40 or 50 cwt. be sent with the other stores. [½ *page.*]

July 5. The Resolution, Sole Bay, **14.** General Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We are here and hard at work. Let the provisions and victuals be hastened down. The Reserve with some of the victuallers has arrived very seasonably, and we will soon send them back. We hope the paper and canvas demanded will be sent by a special messenger. The greater part of the beer is not fit to drink, and as it occasions much sickness, we desire it may be looked into. General Blake has gone ashore sick. [1 *page.*]

July 5. The Resolution, Sole Bay. **15.** John Poortmans to Robt. Blackborne. The fleet is at the rendezvous, and all hands are at work to get the ships ready for service; we are sending the sick on shore at Ipswich, Aldborough, Dunwich, and Sole. The strictest course should be taken lest they should get away. A supply of men and good victuals are much needed and would stop many complaints. [⅔ *page.*]

July 6. **16.** Petition of Edw. Lewes and 9 other Eastland merchants to the Council of State, for licence to import goods from Dunkirk and Hamburg, notwithstanding the Act for prohibition. Petitioners are factors at Dantzic, and last October, loaded four ships named with east country commodities for England, according to the tenor of the late Act, but the ships were surprised in Denmark Sound by some Dutch men-of-war, and carried to Amsterdam, whence they could not be released without the masters engaged on oath that they should

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ail to Dunkirk, and not to England, so that they are thereby disabled to bring the goods hither. Ten signatures. With reference thereon to the Irish and Scotch Committee. [1 *page.*]

July 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Bennet, Sydenham, Moyer, and the Lieutenant of the Tower to be a Committee to examine into the coining of false money lately discovered; to send for and examine all persons concerned in it, or able to give testimony against those engaged in it; and if they find them questionable by law, to commit them to prison, to be proceeded against according to law; the Committee to give accounts of their proceedings from time to time.

2. The Master of the Mint to observe, in coining the money in hand, the rule for coining a certain proportion of small money to a certain proportion of large, according to the indentures of the Mint.

3. Sam. Moyer, and Arthur Squibb, to give the oath enjoined to be taken by Commissioners for Compositions, Advance of money, and Indemnity, to Geo. Foxcroft and Edw. Carey, lately appointed Commissioners.

5. The petition of Sam. Wilson, preacher at Peterborough Cathedral, referred to Desborow and Thomlinson, appointed a Committee to consider desires of that nature. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 16, 17.]

July 6. Whitehall. Additional instructions to Josias Berners, Fras. Mussenden, Sir Wm. Roberts, John Packer, Hen. Pitt, Mathias Valentine, and Rob. Aldworth. To hear and determine before 15 August next, any claims upon estates in the late additional Act for sale of delinquents' estates forfeited for treason, which provided that all who had any interest therein before the date of the treason, and had allowance thereof by the Committee for removing Obstructions, before 1 Jan. 1653, should have the allowance made good; but several of the claims, though given in, could not be determined before the time, and therefore they are to hear the causes still pending. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 17, 18.]

July 6. Weymouth. **17.** Geo. Pley, customs' officer, to Robt. Blackborne. I want to know to whom to send my quarterly books, as Jas. Russel, the cheque general, does not continue in that employment. I hear that it is intended to bring the receipt of the Excise into that of the Customs. I hope we of the Customs who have been found faithful shall not be laid aside, and give place to those of the Excise. It is said the business of the outports is to be managed by sub-commissioners. If such a change be made, pray continue my friend, and keep me in this port. [⅔ *page.*]

July 6. The Resolution, Southwold Bay. **18.** John Poortmans to his brother [Rich. Creed]. Thanks for the news books. You say our friends much wonder at our coming in at such a juncture. It was very opposite to my thoughts, but I hope we shall prevail over the enemy. I hope we shall sail to our former station on the 9th. The Advantage has come in from Hol-

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land, with three prizes and two others much suspected; they are not considerable, but all helps to pull down our enemies.

P.S.—Mr. Blackborne is expected here, so I have not written to him. [1 *page.*]

July 6. 10 a.m. The Resolution, Sole Bay. **19.** Generals Monck and Blake to the Admiralty Committee. We are glad to hear the ships sent into the river for repairs are nearly ready, and desire they may be hastened down and supplied with men, as we cannot help them, having had to send many sick on shore. We have always turned over the men from the merchant ships whose contracts have expired to others, but there are none such here now, except the Brazil, which, being a frigate, we have continued. There is great complaint of victuals, especially of beer and water. Col. Pride promises a better supply. We have disposed of the stores that have come, but still want cables and anchors. Particulars of ships. [2 *pages.*]

July 6. Harwich, Noon. **20.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have deferred my journey to Yarmouth, the fleet having arrived in Southwold Bay; 12 ships have come into Harwich for repairs, and more are coming in. I will despatch them as fast as I can, but the low tides will prevent any but the smallest coming ashore for some days. I am going to the Generals to know more fully what they intend to do.

I am much troubled for money, and it is very difficult to take up any upon exchange, as those who lent me 400*l.* or 500*l.* have been disappointed of their money. Unless bills are paid at sight, I cannot carry on affairs to advantage. I hope to be back to-morrow night. [1½ *pages.*]

July 6. Harwich, Noon. **21.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. To like effect. We have no provisions here for careening the ships sent in, and what is to be had is dear, tallow being 50*s.* per cwt., pitch 30*s.*, and no tar. Let a supply be sent down, and also six pinnaces and skiffs and some masts; and let the bills drawn on the Navy Treasurer be paid. [1 *page,*]

July 6. 11 p.m. Walderswick, near Southwold. **22.** Robert Blackborne to the Admiralty Committee. As General Blake came on shore last night, I and Capt. Limbrey repaired to his quarters, where we found him in a very weak condition, full of pain, both in his head and left side, which had put him into a fever, besides the anguish he endures by the gravel, insomuch that he has no rest night or day, but continues groaning very sadly. This place affords no accommodation at all for one in his condition, there being no physician to be had hereabouts, nor any to attend him with necessary applications. Mr. Haslelock, his surgeon, is with him for the present, but expects to be called on board every hour. Should not Dr. Whistler be speeded down to him, and he removed from this place, where it is impossible he should take any rest, if he were inclined?

In my passage between here and Woodbridge; I met many seamen with their clothes, travelling towards London, who said they had discharges from their captains, but could not produce any. I fear

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the fleet's coming in will occasion the loss of many of them, and in a great measure render your care and pains in levying mariners of little or no effect. I shall repair on board the Admiral to-morrow, and acquaint General Monk with the discharges of the seamen, and pray his order of restraint to all the captains of the fleet for the future, as also a warrant to the magistrates of Woodbridge, Ipswich, Colchester, and parts adjacent, for apprehending the runaways found in their jurisdictions; let directions be sent from you to that effect.

I hear by General Blake's nephew that there are 30 ships sent to Harwich, where Major Bourne still remains, and will have his hands full; and there are 90 between Southwold and Dunwich. The men daily fall sick, and no less than 80 out of the Resolution, and 24 out of the Hound, besides many others to the number of 300, are sent on shore to the town of Southwold, where the straightness of quarters will yield no conveniences for their relief; they should be removed to Ipswich and Woodbridge, and I will speak to Commissioner Pett, if he comes down, for their disposal. Their present sickness, so far as secondary causes go, is imputed to the want of fresh meat. Capt. Limbrey and Mr. Lodington have provided 20 oxen, which are killed and dressed, and will be here this evening, and 30 more will be brought from Woodbridge to-morrow; I have quickened them therein, so that the want of it may be no prejudice to the service. [2 *pages.*]

July 6. Downs. **23.** Capt. Thos. Trenchard, commander of the ships from Venice, to [the Admiralty Committee]. I received your commission from Capt. Jonas Poole at Venice, by order of your agent Charles Longland, and my warrant as Commander-in-Chief of the squadron taken up there for the service, and have observed the commands of Capt. Rich. Badiley, Commander-in-Chief of the squadron in the Mediterranean, and after his departure, the advice of the said Longland, by which we escaped the Holland forces, who waylaid us.

We stopped at Tunis, where Longland said we should find the Harry Bonadventure and her prize, but hearing they were kept in at Messina by Van Tromp, who expected to meet our squadron there, we sailed to Alicant, where Mr. Bence gave us notice of another squadron of the Dutch, expected from Leghorn; so we took three pieces of brass ordnance and eight of iron, and sailed for Muttrill Road, where we fetched up the Neptune, a Hamburgher from Marseilles bound for Hamburg; but finding by a letter to Henry Laurence in Amsterdam that she was to stop there, and deliver part of her lading, and proceed with the rest to Hamburg, as also other letters for Amsterdam, by advice of Captains Peter Whittey, Jacob Searle, Thos. Lancaster, Rob. Hutson, and Wm. Tiddeman, in our squadron, I put men on board her, and have her here in custody until your further order. I enclose the manifest of her goods on board; although she had letters and bills of lading, I cannot find any books of freight, or those usually kept by commanders.

At the taking of her, her consort, a pink of 300 tons, got close under shore, and in the night, a Spanish brigatine towed her under Salabrina Castle, and the Governor of the town and captain of the

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1653. July 6. castle promised their protection. At daybreak I sent to demand license to take our enemy, but they fired from the castle, and threatened if we came nearer, we should have more, and kept Captains Hutson and Tiddeman with their boats and men. I wrote the Governor to know the reason; he soon after came on board with others of quality, at which time I had got into the road in command of the vessel, and was glad to see them. While entertaining them, I sent Capt. Whittey and the captain of the Hamburgher to summon the Hollander to come off, or to let him know what he should trust to, although his vessel was aground, as that would not keep us from firing her, and that if he would come off, he should have fair quarter; but there being many Spaniards, soldiers, and others on board plundering, and the skipper being perplexed, he sent me word that if I would promise him his own and his men's goods, and to clear his ship and pay him his freight, when delivered, he would yield; otherwise he was resolved to blow her up, which he undoubtedly would have done, had I not sent what he required, under my hand, and that of the rest of the commanders. I also sent him our boats well manned, and though the Spaniards ashore plied their small shot like hail, and fired many great ordnance, our men brought her off. The Alcaldey and the rest were ready to tear their hair, but knew not how to help themselves. She is called the Bear's Foot, Capt. Jno. Hendrick. I enclose her manifest of loading.

The skipper's goods are not much, and all without marks. The warm weather makes the oil leak, so that I hope you will send order here for her disposal.

We stopped at Malaga to provide ourselves with water, when Wm. Lewis sent off a boat to advise us of four gallies of Genoa from Alicant, who had left the Great Boor or Commander-in-Chief of the Holland forces in the Mediterranean, with his squadron of 17 men-of-war and a quantity of merchant ships; and that he might be on his way for Malaga and Cadiz to convoy all vessels of theirs bound home, so that he cannot be long after us as the winds have been fine.

We saw some great ships, 20 leagues to the east of Cape Vincent, which we hear were French men-of-war from Toulon, bound to Bordeaux, to join with the rest of their forces. We gave chase to a Holland man-of-war, and fetched her up, but the wind and sea prevented boarding her. We fired 300 shot at her, which mostly took effect in her hull, sails, and rigging; and when it was dark, our two prizes, with the Freeman, who had received the most damage of any of our ships, were forced to clap by the lee, being leaky; but we, fearing the French might trouble them, got near them, and put more men on board. We met 10 Hamburghers, with passes from the Generals, in our soundings. There is only a Flemish vessel here with a convoy of colliers, and as there is no one here to confer with as to the disposal of the prizes, I desire directions therein. [3 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

23. I. *Account of the lading of the Bear's Foot of Amsterdam, commanded by Capt. Kendrick.* [1¼ *page.*]

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July 6. Worcester House. **24.** Order by the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries that Sir John Wollaston, and the treasurers for moneys from the sale of Crown lands exempted by former Acts, pay 1,953*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* to the Navy Treasurer, Rich. Hutchinson, for the navy. Receipted 9 July. [1⅛ *page.*]

July 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Anne Robbins, widow, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

2. Desborow, Moyer, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to receive the account of Mr. Scott's disbursements for intelligence, and report.

3. Strickland and Stapley to be a Committee to confer with a person employed in foreign parts by Capt. Bishop, and to learn what money is due to him for service.

5. Major Bishop, Mr. Carter, and others apprehended on suspicion of being coiners of false money, to be committed to the Serjeant-at-arms to be carried to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to be examined by him, and disposed of according to a reference to him and others appointed a Committee for that business.

6. To write to the commanders of the ships lately come out of the Straits, viz., the Freeman, Northumberland, Bendish, Loyalty, Smyrna, and Vivian, to come into the Lee Road, and send their prizes up the river, to be disposed of by the Commissioners for Prize Goods.

7. Order, on report of the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries, that Council approve of their settling allowances upon their clerk and door-keeper, and they are to consider out of what treasury the money may be paid, and report.

8. To signify to the Lords Deputies of the States General residing here, that Council have under consideration the paper sent by them, in answer to theirs delivered at the last conference, and they shall suddenly receive Council's resolution thereupon.

11. The business of the fleet to be considered first thing to-morrow afternoon. All members in or about town to attend.

12. The Committee for Whitehall to provide lodgings for Sir Ant. Ashley Cooper and Col. Montague.

13. Order, on petition of the inhabitants of Havardstock, Essex, appointing Martin Simpson as their minister, Council being satisfied of his gifts and godly conversation, and the sequestered rectory, on removal of Edw. Duke (to whom it was assigned by the late Committee for Plundered Ministers) having been committed to several of the inhabitants and landholders, to present a minister.

14. The revenue of Scotland arising from assessments, customs, the late King's revenue, sequestration, or otherwise, to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief there, for making needful fortifications, and also by way of loan account, for supply of the army and forces for preventing free quarter, and for the carrying on public services in Scotland.

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July 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

15. The Commander-in-Chief in Scotland to issue out moneys for the administration of justice in Scotland, and paying other salaries there, till 1 November next. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 19–22.]

July 7. Declaration that Council is satisfied concerning the gifts and abilities of Major Wm. Packer, Capts. Jos. Strange, John Spencer, and Thos. Impson, Quartermaster Foxley, and Wm. Kiffin, to preach the Gospel, and that the public exercise thereof will be of great use in the Church, they being eminent for godliness, and that therefore they may have free use of any pulpits to preach in, as the Lord gives opportunity, those places being not to be used at the same time by their own ministers. [*I.* 70, *p.* 23.]

July 7. Declaration that—as Baron Sterlich has propounded to Council a way to raise a large sum without charging the people, and will discover it if he can be assured of a fit reward, in case they approve and use his project,—he and his heirs shall receive four per cent. out of the money so raised; and if Counsel do not approve it, it shall not be revealed nor used without his consent, unless the knowledge of it is had some other way. [*I.* 70, *p.* 23.]

July 7. Whitehall. Like declaration in favour of the Baron of St. Lambert, who propounds a way to raise 1,600,000*l.* in three months, that he shall receive 20,000*l.* reward. [*I.* 70, *p.* 24.]

July 7. Queen Street. **25.** Rich. Brooke to John Thurloe. I have searched the papers of the office, but cannot find that any such ship as the Grimani was ever taken or came to the account of the State; it may have been taken and sold privately, as there are many of that nature. There were a large quantity of looking glasses imported last winter, which were disposed of by order of the Council or Navy Committee, but they came in the Great St. Mark, which among the best Italians I cannot find to signify Grimani; they were without frames, and seeing the spoil that was made of them, I sent them up to the office. There is a ship called the Green Man in the office, and if the name be mistaken for that, you shall receive a further account. This is all I can do unless I had more power. [¾ *page.*]

July 7. The Resolution, Southwold Bay. **26.** General Geo. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Mr. Blackborne has been on board with your messages, and I have given him my thoughts thereon, which he will communicate to you. [⅔ *page.*]

July 7. 6 p.m., Walderswick. **27.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. This morning I got on board the Resolution, and as far as time would admit, ascertained the state of the fleet, and have come ashore to visit General Blake. I hope the ships come in to be refitted at Harwich will be ready next week. The victualling is very bad, and the excessive charge of the victualling ships will appear when that account is made up. Mr. Blackborne, Mr. Pett, and Capt. Limbrey have arrived. [1 *page.*]

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July 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Gilbert Pickering to be President of Council for a fortnight.

2. **28.** The Admiralty Committee to consider of a fit ship to ply at Land's End to guard the Love, and to bring into the port of London the Smyrna Merchant and other ships arriving from the East Indies.

3. The Committee for Prisoners to take an account of the disbursements of the Marshal-General for keeping Dutch prisoners, and report, that some order be given for his satisfaction.

4. Leave to be given to Mr. Falkoner, officer of ordnance, to go on his own occasions for one month, he leaving a sufficient deputy to execute his place.

5, 10. To write the preservators of the forest of Dean of the spoil of wood made there, and to desire them to be careful in their duties. Maj.-Gen. Harrison to order his two troops near the forest to assist them in hindering the inhabitants from cutting the timber.

6. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Portuguese Ambassador to-morrow at four in Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice.

7. Mr. Thurloe to have the sole management of the foreign intelligence, to use such instruments as he thinks fit, and to grant them reasonable allowance.

8. Capt. Bishop discharged from intermeddling in the foreign intelligence.

9. Sydenham, Stapley, Tomlinson, and Jones to take account from Capt. Bishop of the money received and disbursed by him for foreign intelligence, and report.

11. To write to Capt. Martin to ply with the ships with him as far as the Lizard Point, and beat up and down for a short time, for the safe guarding of ships expected from the East Indies, and then to convoy the Smyrna Merchant, lately come thence, to Portsmouth.

14. Capt. Falconbridge to pay the augmentations due to Mr. Yarwood, M. de la Mayne, and Francis Taylor.

15. The Committee for Whitehall to provide lodgings for Mr. Lawrence.

16. Capt. Pinchard to send 30 able land soldiers to be put aboard the Bristol frigate at Portsmouth. The Lord General desired to give him orders accordingly.

17. To acquaint Mr. Willoughby of the coming of the 30 soldiers from Arundel, and to desire him to provide them suitable accommodations; also to supply the frigate with some of the Sovereign's company, for its speedy despatch to Land's End for the guarding of the East India ships.

18–20. The Whitehall Committee to put Col. James, Col. Rogers, Mr. Herring, Capt. Williams, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Courtney in possession of the house late Denis Bond's; also to assign convenient lodgings to Mr. Broughton, in the house in Stephen's Court, West-

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minster, where Sir Rob. Pye's clerks kept their office formerly, and to Mr. Taylor of Bedfordshire, if there be room; if not, the whole house to be assigned to Mr. Broughton, and some other lodging found for Mr. Taylor. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 26–30.]

July 8. The Resolution, Southwold Bay. **29.** General Monck to the Admiralty Committee. Thanks for your promise of an additional supply of paper, canvas, junk, shot, cables, hawsers, and anchors. I wish they had arrived, in regard to the suddenness of our motion hence, which I hope will be to-morrow. Commissioner Pett has not yet arrived, and if he has anything to communicate, I would like to see him before our departure. The fleet will not stay for the remainder of the victuals promised by Capt. Limbrey and Mr. Lodington, who came on board yesterday, and said there would be an amendment in the quality for the future. Pray hasten down the four surgeons we wrote for.

Gen. Blake went on shore sick two days since, and as his condition is very dubious, I think Dr. Whistler's repair to him at Walderswick will be very seasonable and welcome; we have sent to the said doctor acquainting him with the disposition of our sick men in several places. The Phœnix, Elizabeth, Constant Warwick, and Satisfaction, with some more victualling ships, arrived here yesterday. Mr. Blackborne, your secretary, was also on board yesterday, and will acquaint you with particulars. [1½ *pages.*]

July 8. The Resolution. Sole Bay. **30.** John Poortmans to his brother in the faith of the Gospel, Rich. Creed, one of the clerks to the Admiralty Committee. I left your letter for Mr. Blackborne in his cabin, he being asleep, as it came at midnight. He has given me the narrative of the new assembly's entrance into their trust. I rejoice to hear of their heavenly frame. I hope their proceedings will be fruitful.

All hands are at work in victualling and fitting out the ships which are to sail to-morrow to buckle with the enemy, who intend war in their hearts, though peace be in their mouths. [1 *page.*]

July 8. Ipswich. **31.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I have just returned from the fleet; I am dissatisfied with the weight and price of the gunner's stores of the Anthony Bonadventure, as also with the owners' demands. I am going to Harwich to-morrow, and hope to commence careening some of the frigates. The victualling business is not progressing as could be wished at this great pinch, and the beer for the fleet generally proves very bad. Coming from Southwold last night, I met Mr. Pett going there to remain some days. [1 *page.*]

July 9. INSTRUCTIONS by PARLIAMENT for the COUNCIL OF STATE.

Nos. 1–14 correspond with Nos. 1–13 and No. 15 of the instructions given 13 Feb. 1649. [*See* Calendar, p. 6.]

15. You are to order the felling at due seasons of timber for building and repairing the State's ships, and to sell the timber and provide other timber with the money, if it can be had more conveniently and with less charge.

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16. To take care to prevent meetings dangerous to the safety of the State.

17. To take care of the public library at James's.

18. To give warrants for issuing the residue of the monies arising from sale of fee-farm rents, giving an account thereof to Parliament.

19. To remove 20 miles from London and Westminster any person whose abode there seems to you prejudicial to the public safety.

20. To prevent the mischiefs of free quarters, abuses by short marches of soldiers, &c.

21. To have all your warrants for money fairly engrossed in a book, which, with an abstract of the heads of the disbursements, you are to deliver to Parliament 1 Dec. 1653; but the sum for managing intelligence you are to state in the gross. All warrants for issue of moneys or imprisonment to be signed by five or more.

22. To encourage the exercise of fishing on the coast of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and promote it by such means as you think fit.

23. To take effectual care to preserve timber, examine all informations of waste, appoint inspectors, and have offenders brought to legal punishment, or to report to Parliament as you think fit.

24. To take to employ in any office about Council only such as are approved for godliness and honesty. [*I.* 90, *pp.* 3–7.]

July 9. Order in Parliament, passing the instructions to the Council of State, given by Act of 30 Nov. 1652, with some alterations and additions.

The following persons chosen members of the Council of State:—

Lord General Cromwell.	Major-Gen. Lambert.
Major-Gen. Harrison.	Major-Gen. Desborow.
Col. Mat Tomlinson.	Sir Gilb. Pickering.
Walter Strickland.	John Carew.
Col. Phil. Jones.	Col. Stapley.
Col. Wm. Sydenham.	Sam. Moyer.
Col. Rob. Bennet.	Major Rich. Salway.

These members to act forthwith, and five to be a quorum. [*I.* 90, *pp.* 8, 9.]

July 9. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Capt. Falconberg to pay to Rich. Wollaston, master gunner, the money due to him for service, for which he has a warrant from the Revenue Committee.

2. The petition of Anne, widow of Capt. Robt. Batten, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine into her condition, and the charge left her by her husband, and report what shall be done for her and her family.

3. Also the petition of Anne Bannister, widow.

4. Order on reading of a letter from Mr. Milton to Sir G. Pickering, that Pickering confer with the doctors mentioned as to what quantity of paper shall be imported free from duty, for carrying on the translation of the Bible.

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5. The Admiralty Committee to order the Phœnix or some other vessel to carry the Portuguese Ambassador into his own country; the ship appointed to be brought into the Thames.

6. Tomlinson, Stapley, Jones, Strickland, and Moyer to be Commissioners to hear the agent from the Queen of Sweden on Tuesday next, at 8 a.m. Fleming to give him notice.

9. The appointed Commissioners to meet M. de Bordeaux at 5 p.m. on Tuesday in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

10. Order on the petition of Thos. Skelton, that the Admiralty Committee make him such allowance as they think fit out of the moneys forfeited by Balthazar, in consideration of his attendance on Balthazar's prosecution.

12. Col. Sydenham to report to Parliament that Council has thought fit to suspend the Judges of the Court of Admiralty till further orders; that they have considered of other fit persons to be judges, and have agreed on Doctor Godolphin to be one, but had not time to appoint the rest. Also to move Parliament, in consideration of the prejudice arising from the want of judges, to give orders for the settling the same. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 32–34.]

July 9. Whitehall. Council of State to Lieut.-General Monk, one of the Generals of the fleet. Council, by their warrant of 23 Dec. 1652, appointed you, Col. Rob. Blake, and Major-Gen. Rich. Deane, since deceased, to be Generals of the fleet, and gave instructions to you, or any two of you, for managing the same. But as Gen. Blake is obliged to be on shore, on account of illness, we authorise you, in his absence, to execute the said commission and instructions, or any other orders, as amply as was to have been done by the said Generals. [*I.* 70, *p.* 35.]

July 9. Harwich, 5 p.m. **32.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I left the Generals on the 7th instant; 13 or 14 frigates have come in from the fleet to be tallowed and victualled. I will give them quick despatch. One of the gentlemen from the Victualling Office ought to be here to assist. The disquiet and confusion about victuals trouble me more than all my work. Particulars of ships. If this present difference is not soon accommodated, I think this port very fit for a magazine and storehouse. Despatch would thus be given, and money saved which I see spent, to the daily trouble of my spirit. I left Mr. Pett with the fleet.

P.S.—I have waylaid the seamen at Ipswich and Colchester, yet I hear many are on the road to London. You should give orders for Romford and the places adjacent about the city. [1¼ *pages.*]

July 9. Harwich. 5 p.m. **33.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I want a recruit of stores, as the works on the President and others are delayed; also to know what ships have not received money for the sick, as the Gift and others make sad complaint, and I cannot help them. The victualling is defective, and great mischief may ensue thereby. With note that the victualling is under consideration by the Council of State. [1 *page.*]

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10 July. The Resolution. Southwold Bay.

34. General Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Although it has been rough weather, we have taken in most of our victuals, &c. except the beer, which is generally very bad. We intended to sail yesterday with the main body of the fleet towards the Holland coast, but were delayed by the arrival of an additional supply of victuals from London. I hope the victuallers will send the remainder early, and that it will answer our expectations in quantity as well as quality. Their agent, Mr. Lewis, will be able to state for how long the fleet is victualled; it should be to the last of September.

As our men fall sick daily, I desire a supply of seamen, and an order to the Mayor of Hull to receive and take care of such sick and wounded as may be sent to him from the fleet, as that will be the nearest place to send them to, during our continuance on the Dutch coast.

I enclose a list of what flag ships should be fitted out for the winter guard, and they should be ordered to be ready to come forth by the time those now out come in.

Great complaints are made by the bailiffs of Ipswich, Aldborough, Southwold, and Dunwich that they cannot get money to discharge the quarters of the sick men sent thither, whereby the inhabitants begin to be weary of them; therefore let care be taken for weekly payment of their quarters. I sent several orders to the Collectors of Prize Goods at Harwich to pay all moneys on this account, upon the certificates of the bailiffs attesting the truth of such disbursements, but do not hear one penny can be got from them; so that yesterday I was forced to engage myself to one of the captains of the fleet, who engaged himself to the bailiffs of Southwold for payment of such money as should grow due for looking after the sick men in that town. Let this be seriously weighed and timely prevented, but Commissioner Pett has promised to take care therein.

You will see by the enclosed demand what quantity of shot is necessary to complete the proportion of powder now in the fleet, which when supplied will make up but 30 rounds to each ship. Let it be speedily sent after us, as also so much powder and shot as will make up 10 rounds more, all which will be but a reasonable proportion, if we should come to an engagement. Three cwt. of twine and a supply of water should also be sent, as there are little in the fleet. [2 *pages.*]

July 10. The Resolution, Sole Bay.

35. Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Committee. I have been on board the fleet, and done my best to expedite their departure. The provisions from Chatham have arrived, but the beer is defective, and is the main want. I have ordered the victualling ships to return for more. The General will sail to-morrow, and I want to get as many of his men on board as I can. I have been to Yarmouth, and begged that a drum might be beaten, and all the men that could be found sent to the ships, and I will go on shore in the afternoon to get our men from thence by night.

The bailiffs of Yarmouth are very careful of the sick sent on shore there, far beyond other places. It is conceived a proper

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place for receiving such men from the fleet, as also for sending money to defray the expenses. I will take what care I can of those at other places. I audit such accounts for quarters as have been unpaid since last year, which has not a little discouraged the country. [1⅔ *pages.*]

July 10 ? The Resolution, Sole Bay. **36.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Navy Commissioners. The General intends to sail to-morrow. Let some course be taken for sending some more beer to the fleet, as what they have is very defective, and they have only a month's beer; four or five victuallers have been ordered to Gravesend to take it in.

I have been to Yarmouth to see the sick men, and on my return will settle the business touching the sick and wounded at Sole, Ipswich, and Harwich. The officers of prize goods at Yarmouth have no money, and there is a want of it here for sick men ashore; besides the quarters of many prisoners last year yet unpaid has discouraged the country in receiving more. If there is no prize money to be got at Harwich, some must be sent from London. [1 *page. Misdated* June 10.]

July 10. Gravesend. **37.** John Morris to the Navy Commissioners. There were four sick men sent me from the Mary prize, ill for want of linen and apparel, and they grow worse rather than mend. The people of the houses are much discontented, and desire they should have a shirt each. I was obliged to promise 7*s.* a week each man. The victuallers inquire after orders for a convoy. [⅔ *page.*]

July 11. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to the Mayor of Hull to take care of such sick and wounded men from the fleet as shall be brought there, to provide them with what is necessary, and to draw his bill upon the Council or the Admiralty Committee, which shall be paid.

2. Mr. Strickland to request Parliament that Mr. Hollister, Major Burton, Col. Rich, Lieut.-Col. Salmon, and Lieut.-Col. Kelsey may be added to Mr. Carew, Major Salway, Mr. Langley, Gens. Blake and Monk, formerly appointed Commissioners for the Admiralty and Navy.

3. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the letter of Col. Norton, dated June 27th, 1653, with the petition of George Thomson, merchant, of Southampton. [*I.* 70, *p.* 38.]

July 11. Rushin Castle. **38.** Law. Owen to Lieut.-Col. Aspinall, Toxteth Park, near Liverpool. We have safely arrived and been kindly entertained by Capt. Duckenfield, who is ready to observe our orders from you and Col. Duckenfield, but Lieut. Stones, at Peel Castle, refuses to deliver any goods at all, although Capt. Duckenfield and Ensign Hurst went with us. I enclose his answer. Shall we take such goods as we can receive at Rushin Castle, and come away, or will you procure us a special order for those goods at Peel, as Col. Duckenfield's order will not be observed ? [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

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38. I. *Lieut. Adam Stones to [Lieut.-Col. Aspinwall]. Owen has just shown me several orders for seizing and taking the goods in this castle lately belonging to the Earl of Derby, the charge of which my Major, Philip Eyton, had committed to him from the State. Upon his leaving, he left the charge of the garrison to Corporal Rose and myself, with directions not to part with anything without his order, so that we do not see how we can do so without order from the Major, who has an absolute commission for government of this castle, as my colonel has for the island; but with his order, we should be willing and forward to serve you or the State. Peel Castle,* 11 *July* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

July 11. The Resolution, Southwold Bay. **39.** General Monck to the Admiralty Committee. Having taken in as much victuals as is thought necessary during our stay here, taking along with us what is yet remaining, to be disposed of the next opportunity, we have set sail, with the main body of the fleet, for the Holland coast, and will ply between the Fly and the Texel. I hope the contents of yesterday's letter will not be forgotten, but speedy order given that what is mentioned therein may be forthwith provided and sent after us; and that the ships fitting out in the river and at Chatham may be hastened away, and ordered to repair to Major Bourne at Harwich, with whom we have left orders for their further direction; and in their way thither, to sail within the Sands for their better security. The Hamburg merchant, Four Sisters, and some victuallers arrived yesterday from Hull, and I understand from Major Bourne that the Newcastle and three vessels with ammunition are at Hull, which he is sending after us. [1 *page.*]

July 11. Chatham. **40.** Capt. John Taylor to the Admiralty Committee. Particulars of ships. Most of our men work early and late to despatch the ships, but if the seamen were ordered as they should be, it might be done in half the time and at ⅓ of the charge. Although there are 140 men on a ship, none of them will help to get out the ballast or take it in, or do anything towards despatching the ships. The plea of the men is the defective state of the victuals and beer. They have brought me beer, bread, and butter worse than I ever saw in the dearest times. They have to take in pork salted before December or none. They drink water rather than the bad beer. The brewer says he cannot mend, as he only has 3*s.* 6*d.* a barrel. The men impute their sickness to the state of the victuals. The captains suggest payment to the seamen of petty warrant money, and if that was adopted, the service would be benefited, for they would then work from morning to 2 p.m. [1⅔ *page.*]

July 11. Leghorn. **41.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. I have not heard from Alicant what has become of the ships that arrived there from Venice, but am informed they resolved, if they found no orders there to the contrary, to depart immediately for

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England, which I hope they did before the Dutch fleet departed hence arrived. The Dutch report that they are besieged at Alicant; if it should be so, it would stand exceedingly with the honour of the State to send a squadron to relieve them. We were advised two days since that a squadron of seven Dutch men-of-war which left this port a month since were lately seen off Palermo, and that a notable fight was heard thereabouts, and that it is doubted the Harry Bonadventure and her prize have met them, having left Messina for home. We have heard of the great victory obtained over the Dutch; may the same good hand of Providence direct and guide your wisdom to improve it to the utmost, and may we here feel the effects of it, by the continuance of a good squadron in these seas to open trade, which is very necessary to the well being of a nation. It is not improbable, but the Dutch East India fleet may now fall into your hands, and in such case, this place will be a good port for sales of pepper, the proceeds whereof may either redeem captives, or furnish your ships' occasions in these seas. With copy of his letter of 27 June 1563. [2 *pages.*]

July 12. Declaration of Parliament. We judge it meet to undertake the great burden of the supreme government, being summoned thereto, and in order thereto, we declare ourselves to be the Parliament of the Commonwealth of England, and hope to demean ourselves for the good of all, and to be tender of the liberties of the people.

We are tender of pressing engagements upon the people, as we hope they will so deport themselves as to merit our protection. God has brought us through many troubles, and we are thankful to those who have assisted in carrying on those great works which have filled our enemies with amazement, and our friends with admiration; and although the work is not yet accomplished, we trust the dawning of the day of deliverance is come.

God's people through the world are looking for strange changes, as they were before the birth of our Lord. The records of no nation, not even the Jews, so show the actings of God as those of this nation, and our enemies themselves see the finger of God.

We trust He will not now forsake us, but complete His work. We trust not in ourselves, and should tremble at the mighty work before us, but that we look to God. We beg the prayers of His people, though we are tender of appointing days of fasting and prayer. We pray to be kept little in our own eyes, and to be faithful to His will. We wish to be instruments for promoting His Gospel, breaking oppressive yokes, and removing burdens. But whatever the Lord may please to do with us, we pray that He may raise up governors after His own heart, that the earth may be filled with His glory, swords beaten into ploughshares, and holiness to the Lord written on the bells of the horses, and that God may reign and be all in all. With order that this declaration be sent to the sheriffs of the several counties who are enjoined to disperse it. [7½ *pages, printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. I., No.* 72*a*, *Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

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July 12. Order in Parliament, on report by Sir Chas. Wolseley from the Commissioners appointed to draw up this declaration, that the Council of State take care for the sending out of it. [*I.* 90, *p.* 11.]

July 12. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. No persons having occasion to attend Council on any business depending there are to attend in the Horse Chamber, or in the lobby or entry leading to it. The keeper of the back door to observe this order, and to keep the said places free from all attendants.

2. Mr. Falconberg to pay to Mr. Bawn, minister at Windsor, the augmentation allowed him.

3. Mr. Strickland to present to Parliament the informations, examinations, and other papers concerning Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne and his carriage in foreign parts.

4. The trustees for sale of deans' and chapters' lands to admit Major Richard Salway to purchase with his debenture of 312*l.* 15*s.*, without doubling.

5. The Navy Commissioners to make out a bill to their treasurer for 210*l.* 19*s.* to Capt. Thos. Garret, being full payment for 41 barrels of powder and 170 iron shot, provided by him at Norwich for the use of the fleet in the late engagement.

6. The appointed Commissioners to meet the deputies from the States General of the United Provinces to-morrow at 2 p.m. in Whitehall. Fleming to give them notice. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 39, 40.]

July 12. The Sparrow, Humber. **42.** Capt. Jno. Wetwang to the Council of State. I have been to Hamburg, and delivered the packet to the Resident, and also convoyed four ships over, and brought some back, who are gone to Hull with pitch, tar, hemp, flax, and iron. I did not see any of the Holland fleet, but only a fishing buss, which I took and have brought into Hull, with two received from Capt. Brandly, commander of the Essex. He had 11 English frigates with him on the coast of Holland, but they had no intelligence of the East India fleet. When I was at Hamburg, there were several Holland ships loading a great quantity of timber, corn, and other commodities, all they could possibly get. I am on the coast waiting instructions. [1 *page.*]

July 12. The Sparrow, Humber. **43.** Capt. John Wetwang to the Navy Commissioners. To like effect. When I was at Hamburg, the Hollanders were building five frigates, and shipped all the timber and corn they could lay their hands upon for Holland by land. I shall be victualling on the coast or at Hull. I want a supply of colours, as I have none to wear but such as are not commendable. [¾ *page.*]

July 12. Ipswich. **44.** Rich. Popplet and Nich. Philips, bailiffs of Ipswich, to the Admiralty Committee. We thank you for your order for payment of the quarters of 80 sick and wounded men. We have since quartered 400 more sent by the Generals at sea, and desire directions as to the clothing of those who recover, of which there will be 100

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in a few days, who are to return to the fleet, which it will be hard to persuade them to do without clothing. Let the paymaster be sent down to pay their quarters, but do not tie him to a strict rule, for some of their diseases being attended with extreme weakness, and delirium, cannot be attended without much more labour and expense than others, and the maintenance which they had in other places should not be abridged. [¾ *page.*]

July 12. Harwich. **45.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have dispatched several of the ships sent in from the fleet to be fitted out, but the want of victuals and beer hinders. The business here is very troublesome. It is hard to keep men close to their work when so near the shore. I have charged the captains to have a daily muster of the men, and ordered 2*s.* a day to be deducted from the pay of absentees, and divided amongst those giving constant attendance. The Generals write me that the fleet is under sail for the coast of Holland, where the other ships are to follow them. [1 *page.*]

July 12. **46.** Ann Mildmay to Mr. Carew, Major Salway, and other Navy Commissioners. I beg you to consider as to settling the 500*l.* ordered by Parliament to be given to the children of Capt. Mildmay in the name of trustees for their benefit. Names have been presented, and if those are not approved, I will bring in others. Until this is done, the money is of no advantage to the State or to the children. If there is any obstacle let me know, and I will endeavour to remove it, that I may see my poor orphans provided. [¾ *page.*]

July 13. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. Order on the petitions of James Warwick, minister of Hanley-in-Castle, co. Worcester, and of Will. Lowe, Will. Voyle, and Geo. Primrose, preachers in Hereford, that Capt. Falconberg provide payment to them of the augmentations allowed them.

3. The Whitehall Committee to provide Mr. Lucie with a convenient lodging in Somerset House.

4. Liberty given to transport 600 trees from Dort to Ostend in Dutch bottoms.

9. Mr. Moyer to represent to Parliament that Major Heane, a foreigner by birth, who performed many services in the war in Scotland, is skilled in fortifying and other engineering, of eminent godliness and undoubted affection to the Commonwealth; and to petition Parliament, in consideration of these services, to settle lands value of 100*l.* a year in Scotland on him and his heirs, to encourage him and his family to settle in this nation.

10. **47.** The Admiralty Committee to appoint some fit vessel to be a convoy for the ordnance and other provision ships bound for Inverness.

11. To signify to the Portuguese Ambassador that the Nonsuch, now ready at the Gallions in the Thames, is appointed to transport him to Portugal, with his retinue and baggage.

15. The Whitehall Committee to put Sir Ant. Ashley Cooper in possession of the lodgings late Sir Thos. Walsingham's. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 43–47.]

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July 13. Council of State to the captain or chief officer of the Nonsuch. The Ambassador of Portugal returning home, Council has appointed your ship for his transportation. You are [to bring your ship into the Thames] to receive him aboard with his retinue, servants, and baggage, sail when he desires, and in your passage give him your best accommodation, and treat him with the respect due to his character and quality. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 44–45.]

July 13. Whitehall. Council of State to the Commissioners for Prize Goods. Council are informed that the goods in a list annexed are perishable, and will be damaged unless speedily disposed of; but the Court of Admiralty not being yet settled, they desire, for prevention of loss to those to whom they are adjudged on trial, that the goods be sold, and the provenue remain in your hands, to be disposed of as shall be decreed by the Court of Admiralty. [*I.* 70, *p.* 47.]

July 13. 3 p.m. The Resolution, 9 leagues off Lowestoft. **48.** General Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We are endeavouring, wind and weather permitting, to stand over for the Texel, desiring to wait upon that good hand of Providence which has hitherto gone along with us, and which I hope we shall find still accompanying us. We are not much to the northward of Southwold at present, though out of sight of land, the wind being N.E. by N. The Laurel has just come to us with three prizes, one being a small hoy laden with sugar, spice, rasins, &c.; and as they are all very useful for our sick men, I have taken her along with us. The others, laden with French wine, brandy, iron, and anchors, I have sent to the Collectors of Prize Goods at Harwich. Enclosed is an account of powder, shot, and cordage which is lately come to us. Let all expedition be used to get out the frigates now building by the time the great ships come in, for they will be the only ships in the winter time. [1 *page.*]

July 13. Deptford. **49.** Geo. Kendall to the Admiralty Committee. I am fitting out the four prizes, and recommend Benj. Michell as boatswain of the Rosebush. I must present the cry of some poor, oppressed people for justice and mercy.

1. The complaints of the seamen for the withholding of their wages, earned at hazard of their lives, is almost unbearable; and their wives and children suffer many hardships thereby.

2. The violent pressing and carrying away of poor men whose wages are so stopped.

3. The bad provision made for them at sea, whereby many of them have to feed upon unwholesome and stinking victuals, which brings sickness and death. Will not their blood be required at the hands of those who undertake the victualling for gain, though they are in favour, and appear godly and honest? Let the wages be paid without stop or diminution, that their families may not perish during their absence, and let their diet be good and wholesome, and they will serve willingly, and you will not have to use compulsion, which breeds much heart-burning between seamen and soldiers. You

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bid me acquaint you with what I see amiss, and you wish to do what is right. There are abuses and much profaneness in this place. [1 *page.*]

July 13. The Old President, off the Land's End. **50.** Capt. Thos. Sperling to the Admiralty Committee. I have often written to the Council of State, telling them of my being here in performance of their orders, and of my waiting their orders, and also naming several obstructions to the service, but I have not yet received any order or reply. Did I not know their multiplicity of business, I could only conclude that they consider me a person whose lines were not worth noticing. I was much startled by an order I received from them, when in obedience to the General's order, I was acting as Commander-in-Chief of the Irish squadron, that I should be called off to attend a service for which my ship was the least capable, when other ships lie in harbour without whose assistance the end proposed cannot be answered. It is time the Generals ordered me to call the Nightingale, Hopewell, and Lily to my aid; but one is in Portsmouth, another in Plymouth on business, and cannot come, and I know not where the other is. Meantime vessels are daily surprised and plundered by pirates. I believe the captain of the Hopewell pink cannot give an account of eight days' service at sea since he victualled, or the Lily so many since her fitting out. The State is at great charge in fitting out ships, and reaps little benefit. I am ashamed to bear the name of a servant to my country, and not to be able to answer the ends for which I am appointed.

On the 12th, at 4 a.m., I met two freebooters, and had them between me and the shore, so that they could not have escaped, had I had one small vessel with me; but as they sailed quicker than I, they got away, though I chased them 17 hours, till I lost sight of them in the night. [2⅔ *pages.*]

July 13. **51, 52.** Certificate by Alex. Noel that Francis Royley was his servant for two years, and is fit to serve any nobleman or gentleman.—Whitwell, 6 July.

Also certificate of his fitness as a servant by Viscount Campden and Lord Chaworth. [2 *papers.*]

July 14. Order in Parliament, on report by Mr. Strickland from the Committee appointed to consider the names of persons to make up the Council of State, that the following be added:—

Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood.	Rich. Norton.
Sir Chas. Wolsley.	Ald. Tichborne.
Col. Hewson.	John Williams of Wales.
Mr. Howard.	Hen. Lawrence.
Mr. Hollister.	Mr. Courtney.
Viscount Lisle.	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Major.	Mr. Montague.
Thos. St. Nicholas.	Sir Jas. Hope.
Sir Ant. Ashley Cooper.	

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Order that this Council of State continue till 3 November next. [*I.* 90, *pp.* 10.]

July 14. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The judges for probate of wills to appoint a fit person as keeper of their records.

2. Those rooms formerly called the Star Chamber rooms appointed for keeping the records of the late Prerogative Court, and for the records of the new Court for Probate of Wills, and for the erecting an office there, and fitting places for the officers and clerks, as the said judges shall direct.

3. **53.** The Admiralty Committee to order some of the State's ships plying between England and Ireland to carry Cols. Jephson and Temple to Ireland.

4. Sir Gilbert Pickering to move Parliament that the quorum of Council be seven.

5. The Committee for Whitehall to consider Mr. Willis' claim to the keeping of the Star Chamber, and report.

6. Col. Sydenham added to Commissary-General Whalley and the rest of the Committee for Prisoners, who are to take account of what moneys are charged upon receipt of the revenue, and particularly what to the use of the servants of the late King, and report.

7. The paper from the Committee of Adventurers for lands in Ireland, signed by Ald. Avery, referred to the Committee for Irish lands where Major-Gen. Lambert has the chair.

8. The appointed Commissioners to meet the deputies from the United Provinces at 4 p.m. to-morrow. Fleming to give them notice.

9. Norton, Wolsley, Cooper, Lawrence, and Tichborne added to that Committee, 3 to be the quorum.

10–12. The Whitehall Committee to assign the stable and coach house late of Mr. Vaux and Mr. Sterry to Mr. Lawrence; also to provide convenient lodgings for the members called to serve in Parliament for Scotland; also to assign to Mr. Lucie, Member of Parliament, the Cross Gallery with the Queen's closet in Somerset House, in case they be not otherwise disposed of.

13. Priscilla Bury, widow of the late Adjutant-General of the army, to be permitted to remain in the lodgings where she is till further orders.

14. A moiety of all the moneys received on or after 4 July, on sale of or composition for delinquents' estates on the last Act, to be paid to the treasurers at war that shall be appointed for receipt of the six months' assessments of 120,000*l.* a month, commencing 24 June last, for the use of the army, to the amount of 100,000*l.* And their receipt to be a sufficient discharge. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 49-52.]

July 14. Victualling Office. **54.** Thos. Alderne and Nath. Andrewes to the Admiralty Committee. The enclosed order was left last night at our office. We leave it to your consideration how we can proceed thereon, the rather because we offered our opinion upon the same to the Navy

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1653. July 14. Commissioners last Tuesday, and they promised to gain your further explanation. We also desired them to ascertain what quantity of strong beer and water we should send to the fleet, so that we might contract for the same, and upon what account; if upon a new proposal, we desired a contract; and if in lieu of sea beer, then we desired that for of 3 tuns of sea beer, 2 tuns of strong beer, and 1 tun of water should be accepted, and the respective stewards ordered to give us receipts accordingly, whereby the State would be no further charged, nor our accounts disturbed by this extraordinary supply. Without this we know not how to proceed, for the order sent us rather imports a supply by way of commission than by contract.

Upon discourse with the brewers, we find some of them think this way of supply may be as uncertain as the former, and in practice we find those that go on brewing sea beer for us will not brew this strong beer; but certainly the extraordinary strength of one ingredient should prevail over the deficiency of the other. However, we shall proceed as you direct, and meantime lose no opportunity of sending beer to the fleet, having now 600 tuns going, which, with the 530 tuns of water last sent, and with what is now with the fleet, we hope may supply them to the last of August, and we intend sending 500 tuns more each week, to be expended as it comes; it will not decay, when it does not lie above three weeks on board.

We intreat you to write the Generals that, as any ships arrive with beer, what is good be presently spent in the fleet, and the old beer that is good and now in the fleet reserved for the last spending, it being past hazard; and so by sending a constant supply with fresh water, the fleet may be kept in good condition, notwithstanding the unseasonableness of the present season.

We hear there are some vessels with wine at Harwich sent in as prize; if it were sent to the fleet to make beverage, it would be of more value to the State than bringing it to the Prize Office, all waste and deductions considered. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

54. I. *Note that as to supplying the fleet of* 16,000 *men with beer to the end of October, being* 83 *days from the* 9*th inst, it is estimated there are* 21 *days' good beer in the fleet; and to supply the rest, the victuallers propose to send two ships of strong beer at* 46*s. per hogshead, and one third of water with all expedition, which will be* 2,756 *hogsheads beer, and* 1,377 *hogsheads of water.*

The beverage, if to be had, will cost 68*s. per hogshead, the allowance of water therewith considered. To furnish water with money will not content the seamen, and the service thereby will be uncertain, as water itself will for sometime stink, and afterwards come to itself again.*

If the victuallers be required to manage the first proposal, they desire a surveyor may be ordered to examine the quality of the beer, that it be answerable to the price offered, the victuallers notwithstanding being obliged to its warranty for four months after delivery. [¾ *page.*]

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July 14. Southwold, Suffolk. **55.** John Hart and John Ellis, bailiffs of Southwold, to the Navy Commissioners. According to orders from Generals Monck and Blake, and Commissioner Pett, we have provided for 600 sick and wounded sent on shore by the Generals of the fleet, at a cost of 30*l.*, or 40*l.* a day; having disbursed 200*l.* of our own money, and not being further able to satisfy the people quartering the men, we beg an order to draw a bill for 500*l.* upon Edw. Nevill, of Beccles, co. Suffolk, a collector for the weekly assessments, to be repaid by the Treasurer of the Navy, or money some other way, or else the service will be damaged, and the seamen discouraged, as we had many promises from the Generals and others of payment. [1 *page.*]

July 14. Portsmouth. **56.** Capt. Roger Marten to Generals Blake and Monck. I received your instructions, and since then an express from the Council of State, to go westward with the ships to look for our East Indiamen. The Smyrna Merchant, having arrived at Falmouth, was engaged by two Dutch pirates. If we can meet with the rest, we are to convoy them to Portsmouth. The Perrell has arrived; I cannot hear of the rest of their squadron, but the old Warwick is to the west. We shall lie off the Lizard, where the rest of our consorts may find me. I suppose you heard of the damage done to the Bristol going out of Portsmouth, and that we were forced to take out all her victuals, ballast, and beer; of beer there were 86 tuns, but only 23 fit to drink, and I fear *that* will stink before we shall drink it. [⅔ *page.*]

July 14. Portsmouth. **57.** Capt. Roger Marten to the Admiralty Committee. To like effect as part of the above. [½ *page.*]

July 15. Order in Parliament that the quorum of the Council of State be seven. [*I.* 90, *p.* 10.]

July 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

5. The petition of the grand jury, gentry, freeholders, and other inhabitants of the towns adjacent to Hambledon, Rutland, referred to the judges of that circuit who are to settle the difference between Col. Wayte and his tenants, if they can, and otherwise to report.

6. Capt. Falconberg to pay Mr. Durant, Mr. Bacon, and M. de la Mayne the augmentations due to them for their work as ministers.

8. The petition of Mr. Bretland of Thorncliffe, co. Chester, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to report.

9. The desire of the agent from the Queen of Sweden, on behalf of Cornelius Petersen, referred to the said Committee, who may discharge the prisoners therein mentioned, if the case be as alleged.

10. The business of Holland to be considered to-morrow at 2 p.m. Members to be present at that time.

11. Order on petition of Thos. Reade that the Commissioners for co. York appoint him a pension for support of himself and family, in consideration of the loss of his limbs in the service.

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July 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

12. Desborow, Moyer, and Courtney to be a Committee to examine Mr. Frost's account and report.

13. Major-Gen. Desborow to move Parliament to appoint fit persons to give an oath to the Committee appointed by the Council of State for taking the accounts of the Commonwealth.

14. The petition of Edward Clovell referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report. [*I.* 70, *p.* 55–57.]

July 15. Council of State to the Commissioners of the Great Seal. You say you cannot give John Corbet his patent as chief judge of cos. Glamorgan, Brecon, and Radnor, because Serjeant Eltonhead, the late judge, has not delivered in his patent, which he says is in the country, and will require time to send it hither. But as the service does not admit of delay, you are to give Corbet his patent notwithstanding. [*I.* 70, *p.* 59.]

July 15. Ipswich. **58.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Committee. I send a list of ships undergoing repair at Harwich. Capt. Stokes of the Laurel brought in two prizes, and a third was left with the fleet, laden with sugar and spice, which will be a very great relief to the sick men. I want an order to send the prize with iron to Chatham, and will direct the Henrietta to convoy her up; the others should be sold. I have taken all the care I can for the sick and wounded, but I can get no money from the Prize Goods' Commissioners at Harwich or Yarmouth, for the prizes have not been adjudicated and sold, and the goods are spoiling.

I agreed with General Monck to hasten away all the State's ships and frigates in the Thames and Medway, if even half manned, and complete their number on the other side out of merchantmen. There will be 100 convalescents at Ipswich fit to be sent to the fleet shortly. [1⅔ *pages.*]

July 15. 10 a.m. Harwich, **59.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. The provisions of stores loading at London will be very acceptable, as they are dear here. The Laurel took four prizes on the Holland coast, and has brought in two. I want orders for their sale, as they will waste or be squandered. I want money, having had to supply surgeons who have been out seven or eight months, and others for the sick and wounded. I hear by the Nonsuch, who has come in with a Danish prize with deals, that our fleet was off Lowestoft, plying towards the Holland coast. Particulars of ships repairing. There will be continual intercourse between the fleet and this port, as long as this work lasts. If it were to last much longer, I should want help. No small matter of money will carry on the matter of repairing and paying so many ships. I had the beginning of an ugly mutiny here on Tuesday, by drunken sailors who resisted the soldiers, but having secured some, and sent them to the Generals, and given strict orders to restrain the alehouses, our work has since gone on quietly. [3 *pages.*]

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July 15. 10 a.m. Harwich. **60.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I send this by a messenger who brings a packet to Lord General Cromwell. Upwards of 30 ships have been tallowed and refitted at this port, and several named are nearly ready to sail. There has been some disturbance in the town by a number of drunken seamen whom I ordered on board, and when they would not go, sent for some soldiers, and ordered two of them to the mainguard. They would not go; 20 or 30 more came in, and were so violent and mutinous that some of them were wounded; but after securing two or three of them, threatening the inhabitants for harbouring them, and ordering all on board their ships, the place was quiet. Next day the Mayor and I sought for the men, found three whom we sent prisoners to the Generals, and fined each house that harboured them 10*s.* I have ordered a strict muster to be made on board daily, and a fine of 2*s.* to be laid upon every man absent, and divided amongst those on board.

The Laurel has brought in two Dutch prizes with wine and iron, and the Nonsuch a Dane with deals, &c., taken by the Sussex; the wine should be sold, and the Collectors for Prize Goods pay the money for the sick and wounded here. The Generals were 16 leagues off Lowestoft yesterday. I want money to discharge bills. [2 *pages.*]

July 15. Harwich. **61.** Major N. Bourne to Robert Blackborne. Having occasion to send a packet to the Lord General, I have sent the Navy Commissioners an account of their affairs. Mr. Pett is a guest with me, and is coming to London. [½ *page.*]

July 15. The Little President, off the Lizard. **62.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Committee. After my long lying here alone, on the 13th the Hopewell pink has joined me, and I will use this addition of strength to the best advantage. I have seen several small pirates, but at such disadvantage that we have not been able to do any good, only we have retaken two barks with coals. It is high time the two frigates appointed by the Generals arrived, as there are several freebooters newly come upon the coast carrying from 14 to 24 guns, besides the small vessels out of Brest, and there are four Dutch ships lying off Scilly to intercept our East Indiamen daily expected in the channel. I wish I were in a capacity to act; the Generals' warrant to call ships to my assistance will not do the work unless I could tell where to find them. I am in some hopes of the Lily's company, but the Nightingale is in Ireland, where it is impossible for me to send for her. [1¾ *pages.*]

July 15. Leghorn. **63.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. As I am unfortunately half owner of the Mary Rose, one of the ships taken up here for the service, and now arrived home, and as she suffered much by the late encounter with the Dutch before Porto Longone, and the present war renders her useless for the merchant's service, I desire she may be continued in that of the State, at the same pay you give to others.

She is a stout ship of 400 tons, and can carry 40 pieces of ordnance, and you may appoint what captain or commander you please. [¾ *page.*]

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July 16. Order in Parliament that the Council of State certify to the Committee of Parliament for the business of the treasuries, what Committees they have appointed to assist them in preparing things for the ease of the House and despatch of public business; and the Committee to have power to receive an account from these Committees of their proceedings. [*I.* 90, *p.* 11.]

[July 16.] **64.** Petition of Thos. Corbitt, governor, and Rob. Whitlock, and Fras. Asty, assistants of the Merchant Adventurers, on behalf of themselves and other Eastland merchants, to the Council of State, for a convoy for their ships to Hamburg. By the injurious dealing of the King of Denmark, they have been deprived of all trade through the Sound, and are necessitated at very great charge and trouble to find a conveyance of their goods for the East country by way of Hamburg, bringing back goods necessary for navigation. They have now several ships laden with cloth and other English manufactures, ready to go in company with others designed for Hamburg by the Merchant Adventurers. [⅔ *page.*]

July 16. Order thereon that the Admiralty Committee appoint a sufficient convoy for the ships mentioned. [*I.* 70, *p.* 61.]

July 16. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Sydenham to take the first convenient opportunity to present to Parliament the report in his hands concerning the Admiralty. Dr. Godolphin to be one of the judges of that court.

2. Capt. Falconbridge to pay to Mr. Resbury, minister of Oundle, Northamptonshire, the arrears of 50*l.* a year granted by the late Committee for Plundered Ministers out of the tenths and first fruits, notwithstanding the late order of restraint.

4. **65.** Liberty to be given to the owners of the ships newly arrived from Venice to let them out, the Admiralty Commissioners having first taken out of them 300 able seamen such as they shall choose. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 61, 62.]

July 16. Pendennis Castle. **66.** Matthew Cozen to the President of the Council of State. I have examined the matter contained in the petition of Capt. Reave Williams, and find that the Helena, commanded by him as a private man-of war, by virtue of letters of reprisal granted against the French, Dutch, and other enemies, captured the White Calf laden with ballast and some money, the World laden with money, wool, and iron, and the Black Rutter with the same lading; also that there were altogether 34 bags of louis, French coin, and pieces of eight, and 13 of such bags being sent on shore, I secured them on behalf of the proprietors, and in them 8,385 louis and 450 pieces of eight. There were also six other bags containing 2,709 louis and 718 pieces of eight, which were embezzled by Capt. William Wheatley, commander, and conveyed by him to the house of Rich. Lobb. I have also secured 60*l.* more, being some of the coins embezzled by two seamen of said frigate, which, upon a search, were seized and delivered over to Capt. Williams, who will be accountable for them.

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I also find that three other bags of louis were also embezzled by Capt. Wm. Wheatly and delivered to Lieut. Geo. Wyatt of this garrison, which I have desired him to restore; but he affirms he has disposed of them for 536*l.*, of which sum he has given Capt. Wheatley a bill of exchange for 200*l.*, but has since written to withdraw it. He also affirms he paid 212*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* by Capt. Wheatley's order, to several persons, and that 123*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* is in hand, which he promises to deliver to me; upon his doing so, I will return him the receipt he gave Wheatley for it.

I also find that Lieut. Geo. Wyatt has 300 pieces of louis, delivered him by John Lee, a boy belonging to the frigate, and for which he alleges he and John Chapman gave a bill to the boy, and as he refused to deliver it up without the bill returned, I secured him. Captain Wheatley has embezzled three other bags of the money, and conveyed them to the house of John Clemes, one of which was redelivered him at the house of John Alkins, of Flushing, and the other two have been delivered by Wheatley's orders to Samuel Lumly of Penryn. As Wheatley was charged with receiving 34 bags of money into the frigate, and denied that he received more than 29, I secured him. I have discovered that Ben. Serjeant, the master, has also embezzled four bags of louis, which he convoyed to the house of Christ. Lee of Smithrick, who delivered them back to Serjeant, and he exchanged 1,000 of them at 4*s.* a piece with Ussala, wife of Hen. Spurr of Penryn, and the other bag he gave to Wheatley. As Serjeant also refused to deliver them up, I secured him. Fifty other louis were given to Edw. Pearce, a soldier of this garrison, by some seamen of the frigate, and as he declined to deliver them, I secured him also. I find that more money was embezzled by Fras. Maycock, one of the company, who fled with it, but has since been apprehended at Bristol. [3 *pages.*]

July 16. The Portland, Humber. **67.** William Rausse to the Navy Commissioners. I have arrived from the coast of Ireland with four prizes, being Dutch fishermen, a pink from France, and a hoy from Amsterdam, and have been desired by the Generals to deliver them to the Prize Collectors at Hull. There are 40 sail of Dutch men-of-war at the Fly and Texel, and 60 sail of merchantmen, whose men are taken for the men-of-war, and they are laid up for the present. I will return to the Fly, where I expect to meet Capt. Branley of the Essex. [1 *page.*]

July 16. Prize Office. **68.** Commissioners of Prizes to the Navy Commissioners. We will give orders to all our sub-commissioners at Ipswich, Aldborough, Dunwich, and Southwold to reimburse the bailiffs and others to their content, for any services rendered to the sick and wounded men belonging to the fleet; please to signify the same by letter to the magistrates. [¾ *page.*]

July 17. Harwich. **69.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. The Generals having agreed to discharge the Brazil frigate, I took 40 men out of her and put them on board the President, to be sent to them, and the ship is now being fitted for the merchant service, being out of pay. [¾ *page.*]

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July 18. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Joane Hanks, of Stanton Harcourt, co. Oxon, referred to Mr. Appleton and Mr. Jenkins, to examine and compose the matter in difference if they can, or to certify.

2. The petition of Peirce Bedall, co. York, referred to the Committee for Compounding, to report.

3. The paper from Francis Blomer, Nath. Manton, and others, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

5. The petition of Sam. Mico, merchant of London, referred to the Commissioners for Customs, who are to examine the statements, and if true, to permit him to export his calicos on the same terms as he might have done for one year after their importation.

7. The petition of Capt. Roger Alsop, with the 4 accounts annexed, being sworn to by him before a Master in Chancery, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

8. **70.** The letter from John Wetwang, commander of the Sparrow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

9. Order, on petition of the Lieutenant of the Tower, that Capt. Falconbridge pay him and the rest of the persons under his command the salary due for ¾ of a year, the late restrictions on such payments notwithstanding.

10. Sydenham, Hewson, and Tichborne to be a Committee to receive from the Lieutenant of the Tower what he has to propound about regulating that part of the Tower which is under his command, and report.

11. Tichborne and Moyer to consider some fit persons to be treasurers for deans' and chapters' lands, and treasurers for Weavers' Hall.

12. Council to meet at 7 a.m. to-morrow, the members to be sent to, to attend.

13. To write to the Commissioners of the Seal that lodgings in Whitehall are wanted for the members of Parliament, and to desire them to deliver up their lodgings to such person as Council shall appoint.

14. The Committee for Whitehall to provide lodgings for Sir Chas. Wolsley, Ald. Tichborne, Ald. Ireton, Capt. Stone, Capt. Cust, and Mr. Sadler, and the members for Wales and Scotland.

15. Sergeant Eltonhead to deliver the judicial seal for cos. Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Radnor to John Corbett, or to such person as he shall assign to receive the same. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 63–66.]

71. Order that the Admiralty Committee, out of a list of ships sent them, victual 25 for four months, and man them with all speed, to go to sea to reinforce the fleet. [½ *page.*]

July 18. **72.** Account by Thos. Fauconberg, of arrears of salary to various officers, due upon warrants signed by the Revenue Committee. The officers are the Commissioners of the Great Seal, and all the judges, clerk of Parliament, Lieutenant and warders of the Tower, agents employed in foreign parts; also on grants by order of Parliament, grants to the late King's servants, officers of the Court of Wards, and surplusage of the expenses of the late King's children.

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Total, 63,716*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* With note that there are besides several warrants by the Committee for Augmentations to ministers and others, payable out of the first fruits and tenths of the clergy, also unpaid. [14 *pages.*]

July 18. 2 p.m. Harwich. **73.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. Particulars of the sailing and condition of ships. Harwich is undesirable for the sick and wounded, from its nastiness and great resort for people. When the cleaning of the fleet is completed, I shall be glad to remove. The Diamond has arrived, and reports that several others are coming in from the fleet; there are great complaints for want of men. I think the men out of the two merchant ships disposed of to other ships would more strengthen the fleet than those two ships, as there are so many. [1 *page.*]

July 18. Portsmouth. **74.** P. Beel to the Navy Commissioners. I have received your letter, grounded on a paper delivered to you by Mr. Willoughby, wherein I requested many things pertinent to the service, and the comfortable acting of myself or any other in the place of clerk of the survey; but I find the contrary endeavoured, by embracing of scandalous and false accusations, which I had thought, considering my own innocence, could never have been preferred, much less received against me. The examination on malice and envy's information has not given satisfaction, notwithstanding the oaths of sufficient witnesses, by which it appears that neither I nor any by my connivance had any intent to prejudice the State, but to perpetuate the discharge of our trusts; but I presume it is not so much my occasions as my person that is distasted, for my actings have been such as I valued not who overlooked me, well knowing that I must one day be called to a stricter account than lies in the power of man to do.

I have been bred these 17 years in the navy, and am more perfect in that than any other, though it never yet lent me a livelihood, and had I not had somewhat of my own, you might have been induced to believe some clandestine workings, but I wish you were as free from that sense as I am from the sin which Col. Willoughby finding, caused the wages of the suspected officers to be paid, and Capt. Moulton, on examination, found it savour more of malice to me than affection to the service; but they are dead, and the fomenters of this evil still in being, and adhered to for such information's sake, and not for their service, which I am bold to say they are not capable of. You well know how tender the reputation of a man is, and whosoever blemishes or detracts from it commits murder in a second degree, and strikes at the very life, by abstracting that which should sustain it; therefore, I hope you will be as easily induced to pardon my boldness as you were to believe the false aspersion cast upon me. Other matter of vindication I have not, but shall leave that to God, who is a friend to the friendless and a vindicator of the wronged, hoping that He may put into your hearts to be ministerial herein, and to grant my reasonable requests presented in my late paper. [1½ *pages.*]

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July 18. Leghorn. **75.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Young Tromp and his squadron returned into this port two days since, and verified what I suspected as to the taking of the Harry Bonadventure and her prize, whom they chased into Trapana, a port on the island of Sicily, where she thought herself safe under the King of Spain's castle, having the captain's promise for their defence; but whether he was partial therein, or knew no better how to manage his guns, the Dutch did not forbear assaulting our ships until they became masters of both, and brought them here with great triumph. How long we shall have their company here we know not, but the general report here is that the Leopard and a dozen ships more must stay in these seas, and the rest, being about 20 ships of war, must go home. Our Venice ships left Alicant the 4th of June, and I hope ere this they have arrived safely. With copy of his letter of 11 July. [2 *pages.*]

July 18. **76.** Jas. Allestrye to Viscount Conway and Kilultagh, at Petworth. I have received the 37*s.* from the gentleman upon your account, and thought I was to have received 6*d.* more. I perceive you have been at much pains to transcribe out of the Frankfort catalogue divers books you desire, and am sorry I cannot send them; but it is a very usual thing for the booksellers of Germany to send the titles of their books to be put in the catalogue before they are printed, so that at present they are not to be had. I now send you Altorfij Harmonia, 12*s.*; Grotius de Imperio, 3*s.*; and the French Gazettes, 1*s.*; and by the next carrier will forward the following, which I could not get bound in time:—Geterus in Proverbia et Ecclesiasten: Casulanus de Lingua, Shickardi Horologium, and Johnstoni, Historia Naturalis de Insectis et Serpentibus, fol., which are all I have of your notes, except Zwelferi Animadversiones, which is the same you have in octavo, and Langius de Annis Christi, which is an old book, printed in Holland five years since, which I think you have seen. We have a book entitled Bibliotheca Portabilis, sive totius Theologiæ Nucleus et Systema Integrum q°. 1653, 3 vols., which sells exceedingly well, and is much esteemed. Damaged. Noted, "of this paid, 15*s.*" [¾ *page.*]

July 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Lord General, Sir Chas. Wolsley, Mr. Lawrence, and Sir Jas. Hope, to be a Committee to draw up the matter of the debate of this morning into propositions.

2. The Committee for Whitehall to provide convenient lodgings for Mr. Castle, M.P.

5. Order on report of Col. Sydenham, concerning sums of money to be paid to certain of the late King's servants, on a list brought by him, that the Committee for Prisoners, who made the report, consider the list, and order Capt. Falconbridge to pay to such of them as on examination prove necessitous, and are contained in the list for payments amounting to 5,149*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*, the moiety of the sums appointed them, notwithstanding the late restriction. Commisssary Gen. Whalley to take special care herein.

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6. The Committee for Prisoners to inquire into the condition of Mr. Alexander, mentioned in the said list, and to consider how much of the sum mentioned there should be paid him for his present subsistence, and report.

11. Harrison, Sydenham, Williams, and Montague to be a Committee to read such petitions as remain unheard at Council, and report.

15. The petition of Thos. Brooks referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to report.

16. Council to meet to-morrow at 8 a.m. Notice to be sent to the members in town. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 69–73.]

July 19. Council of State to all whom it may concern. We are informed that Thos. Harniold, of Blackmore, Hanley Castle parish, co. Worcester, taken prisoner of war at Worcester in Sept. 1651, was allowed by Col. Cooper to return home, on security for his appearance on summons; but that he has notwithstanding been prosecuted at the assizes for being in arms. You are therefore to permit him to remain at his own habitation, free from all molestation, on the said security. [*I.* 70, *p.* 73.]

July 19. The Cardiff, Kinsale. **77.** Antipas Kelly to the Navy Commissioners. I send the muster book. Since our return to Dublin, we were ordered by the Commissioners of State to victual, and then attend Major Waters at Waterford, who is employed for raising certain companies of tories for the King of Spain, and to convoy them to St. Sebastian's in Biscay. We shall get off as soon as we can. [¾ *page.*]

July 19. The Sampson, Dover Road. **78.** Capt. Robert Plumleigh to the Admiralty Committee. On order of Commissioner Willoughby, I searched the coasts between the Isle of Wight and the Downs, and found the sea very clear of pirates and other infestors. The fleet seen off Dartmouth was not the Dutch fleet as suspected. I met Capt. Cox, who tells me he is made admiral of his squadron, but I do not hear it at Portsmouth, where I left the Charity and Black Raven. I require tallowing and revictualling, having been off the ground six months. [1 *page.*]

July 19. Ipswich. **79.** Rich. Popple and Nich. Philips, bailiffs of Ipswich, to the Navy Commissioners. We despair of any relief from the Commissioners for Prizes here, as they have already stated they have no money, and they are now both out of town. We are charged for the quartering of 600 sick and wounded men, which will amount by Friday to 700*l.* Pray order us 700*l.* on account, as such a debt should not rest on our private estates. If you continue this quartering upon us, let a paymaster be sent down, and let their disbursements be paid out of the weekly assessments. [1 *page.*]

July 20. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The members of Council to attend at 4 p.m.

2. Mr. Moyer added to the Committee for Petitions.

4. The Commissioners of Customs to permit Mr. Brookes to take

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out and dispose of the casks of wine by him lately entered in the Custom House, notwithstanding their seizure, he paying all duties and excise.

5. The petition of George Jameson, of Cowper, Scotland, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

6. Order on petition of the Earl of Cleveland, prisoner of war in the Tower, that he have his liberty for three months, on bail to the Lieutenant of the Tower for 6,000*l.*, to deliver himself up prisoner to the Tower, then or any time before upon notice, and meantime he act nothing to the prejudice of the Commonwealth.

7. The petition of Capt. Edw. Godney referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

8. Order on the petition of Dan. French, minister of Strode, Kent, that Capt. Fauconberg pay him his augmentation out of the first fruits and tenths, the late restriction notwithstanding.

9. Col. Hewson to report to Parliament the state of the case of the Earl of Clanricard, and move them that such things be made good to him, as the officers of the treaty to whom he delivered up his forts and strongholds in Ireland undertook to mediate for and obtain for him from Parliament.

10. The appointed Commissioners to meet the deputies from the United Provinces at 5 p.m. to-morrow. Fleming to give them notice.

11. The Whitehall Committee to deliver the lodgings in Somerset House, late Mr. Hunt's, to Mr. Lucie, in case Mr. Hunt be in the list of those who are to leave their lodgings in that house.

12. Order on petition of Capt. Zachary Brown, late of the Hercules, that the registrar for the Admiralty deliver to him the recognizance lately entered into by his securities for his appearance on matters objected against him, and that he be permitted to proceed on his voyage. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 76–79.]

July 20. The Resolution, 3 leagues S. of the Texel.

80. General Monck to the Admiralty Committee. As to the victuallers' proposition in relation to beer for the fleet, I think if a competent proportion could be sent us, it would give the best content, provided it were good; if not, then your order that the victuallers provide a quantity of beer at 46*s.* a ton and ⅓ of water, will be the next way. Let it be hastened to us, special care being taken that the goodness answers the price. I wish the twine were here, there being little or none in the fleet, although the Ordnance officers inform you a quantity has been sent. I have given you an account of the receipt of the shot, but unless the remainder demanded is supplied, it will not make up our wants, whatever may be suggested to the contrary.

As to the bills of the bailiffs of Aldborough, Dunwich, &c., for money disbursed for sick and wounded, I am glad you have ordered the Commissioners and Treasurer of the Navy to pay them, although it would be better that they should be paid in their jurisdictions, for the bailiffs are not men of ability to forbear their money until it is returned from London. For the better effecting thereof, I have sent in several prizes to Harwich, so that they may be paid out of the

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July 20. money arising therefrom. I approve of Yarmouth as a place for sick and wounded men, and Hull another, yet both of them will be little enough that neither be burdened.

I earnestly desire that the flag ships for the winter guard may be got ready by the time the great ships come in, although the fitting out of prizes and other ships in the river and Chatham have been some hindrance; for if the Dutch do not fight us, or peace be not concluded between this and winter, we shall be forced to send in our great ships, which cannot well be fitted out before the spring, and if they could, will not be fit to keep the seas at that season of the year; if so, the want of those new frigates will cause it to go harder with us than is supposed.

The Nonsuch will be as useful as a convoy to the Portuguese Ambassador as the Phœnix, being as good a sailer. Another ship or two should be added to the Bristol as a convoy to the Love and other East India ships at Falmouth, bound homewards, in regard of your intelligence by the Pearl that there are some Dutch men-of-war near Cadiz. I wish we could spare three or four frigates to scour the coast thereabouts, but hope those ships designed for that station will serve the turn.

As to the Dutch Straits' ships which you hear are on their way home, all endeavours here shall be used to intercept them, in case they do not go into France, but come directly home; if otherwise I desire timely advertisement, and I hope there will be nothing wanting to answer your expectations, so far as the Lord shall enable us.

I hope the prizes and other ships fitting out by you are on their way towards us. It is strange that 20 ships should be so long fitting out from Chatham, Deptford, and Woolwich, where there are so many docks and instruments to give despatch, when there have been 22 or more fitted out from Harwich in half the time by Major Bourne, whose extraordinary care and diligence herein is worthy your knowledge. There are several honest and valiant commanders in the fleet whom I have recommended to you for removal into the great frigates now building, next to the flag ships, of whom I hope you are not forgetful, for it will be a great discouragement to them for those who were never in the service to be preferred before them; I beg to include Capt. Stoakes of the Laurel amongst them.

We are now near the Texel, where I hope we shall find the same presence of the Lord accompanying us as hitherto; we desire to receive wisdom and council from Him for the well ordering and managing the great affairs now in hand, that the issue thereof may be for His glory as well as our comfort.

P.S.—I have appointed Mr. Hodges, gunner of the Laurel, to the Fairfax, in the room of his father, now in the James; there are also several inferior officers in the fleet, who have carried themselves very well in all the engagements. I desire they may be preferred to those new frigates. Do not forget to send us a considerable quantity of water to dress our victuals with; if Boatswain Hancraft, now of the Sovereign, be made master of attendance [at Chatham] in Mr. Rabnet's stead, confer his place upon Seavern, the boatswain of the Andrew. [3¼ *pages. Endorsed with shorthand notes.*]

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July 20. The Resolution, off the Texel. SW. **81.** John Poortmans to Robert Blackborne. All that fear the Lord here are in much expectation what will be done by the new representatives; and they have our prayers that God will direct them to do that which may be most for his glory and the good of the Commonwealth, and that they may not tread in the steps of those who have gone before them, but that our Lord Jesus may be the foundation stone in all their actions and consultations, and that the superstructure may be answerable to such a foundation; if so, great will be the day of the Lord with us.

Thanks for your news, both in print as otherwise, but it hardly satisfies our gaping expectations. The goodness of the Lord still follows us, and although we have much blowing weather, yet we continue in the face of our enemies with little loss. The Princess Mary has lost her bowsprit and head, so must be sent in. The enemy have hardly a peeping hole, for our small vessels and frigates keep so near to the shore that their galliots for intelligence can hardly pass us, and many of them are forced in as soon as they come out, which they are resolved not to endure, but will fight us again, having prepared 150 sail of ships to that purpose. We were in hopes to have heard how the treaty with the Dutch, on which you are very silent, goes on; but surely if they stand it out with proud hearts and stiff necks, God will let them see that they are but men.

P.S.—A Dutch freebooter of 70 men and seven guns has been taken by the Phœnix, and the men are sent to Colchester prison on suspicion, by Major Bourne. [1¾ *pages. Partly in shorthand.*]

July 20. Harwich. **82.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I understand the ship laden by you with provisions is intended for the fleet; and I hear of nothing intended for Harwich, so we must shuffle on the best way we can, but it will create much disquiet and damage the service. The Crescent has come in wanting provisions, although she has been long in the river. I have discharged several victualling ships mentioned. Mr. Lewis is coming to town, but if any more ships are sent in, some one else must be sent down. I am sorry for your difficulties, and wish none I love to experience such as I have found in this place. [1 *page.*]

July 21. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The appointed Committee to meet the deputies of the States General at 5 p.m., to deliver them the paper passed by Council, to confer thereupon, and answer objections.

3. Wolsley, Strickland, and Lawrence to be a Committee to give a conference to Lord Lagerfelt at 8 a.m. to-morrow at Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice.

4, 5, 15, 43. Order on the petitions of Thos. Andrew, minister at Wellingborough, co. Northampton, Hen. Stubbs, and John Chetwin, joint pastors of Cuthbert, Wells, co. Somerset; Allan Ackworth, minister of Nicholas, Rochester; and Sam. Wilson, preacher of Peterborough Cathedral, that Capt. Fauconberg pay them their augmentations from first fruits and tenths, the late restraint notwithstanding.

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7. Jas. Mowett, late prisoner to the Serjeant-at-arms, to be set at liberty.

10. Order, on petition of Capt. Robert Dare, mariner, that the Peter of Dunkirk, now in the Thames, to which he lays claim, stay until a trial be had in the Admiralty Court, provided he by Monday next give security to Mr. Thurloe that he will make satisfaction to the Dunkirker for all damages that may accrue by the staying of the ship, in case judgment pass against him.

11. The desire of —— Parsons for ammunition for Col. Pride's regiment referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

12. The petition of Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, and her 4 daughters, referred to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, to examine and report.

18. Col. Rich and Mr. Thurloe to confer with the Spanish Ambassador upon the propositions last made by him about the silver in the Tower.

19. Col. Sydenham to propound Dr. Turner to Parliament for one of the Judges of the Admiralty.

20. The Irish and Scotch Committee to take account of Mr. Malbone's disbursements for soldiers taken to Bath, and kept there for their cure, by direction of Council, and report.

21. Col. Hewson and Mr. Moyer to move Parliament that the intercourse between England and Ireland be free, and no customs be laid upon cattle, or other merchandise passing between the countries, which will conduce to the advantage of both.

22. Lieut.-Col. Biscoe, Major Tim. Slader, Capt. Rich. Mosse, Sam. Richardson, and Adjutant-Gen. Marrest, to be a Committee to take care of the hospitals of the Savoy and Ely House.

23. Order on petition of Henry Blake, a maimed mariner, that the above-named Committee take him into one of the said houses for cure and relief.

24. Mr. Clark's letter, dated Dalkeith the 14th inst., referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with Capts. Blackwell and Deane thereupon, and report.

25. Andrew and Sebastian Gonsalvo, subjects of the King of Portugal, made prisoners in the engagement with the Dutch, to be set at liberty.

26. Council to meet at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

27. Col. Montague to be the President for a fortnight.

28. Sir Chas. Wolsley to present to Parliament the case of Lady Dennie and Lady Borlase.

29. Wolsley and Lawrence to be a Committee to confer with a person about a discovery he pretends to have made for the use of the public, and report.

30. Order,—on the report from the minister and other persons in Hampstead, Middlesex, concerning the discountenance given by Col. Downes to the collection of charity for the relief of the poor of Marlborough, who were undone by fire,—that the minister and officers continue to collect the voluntary gifts of the people, and Council will take special notice of all persons who give opposition to

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the work, and have a great sense of what Col. Downes has done in obstructing the business.

33, 35. The letters to the Army Committee from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning the payment of 500*l.* for wheat, and of 438*l.* 18*s.* to Lucas Lucie for freight of 252 tons of wheat from Plymouth to Cork, to be signed and sent.

34. Capt. Mason and his ship and furniture to be discharged from restraint, and his ship restored to him, according to a report from the Irish and Scotch Committee of 28 June.

36. To write the Commissioners for Customs or those for Prize Goods, to put Chas. Brown, quartermaster of the Paragon, into some employment, and allow him a salary.

41. The petition of Capt. Green and company referred to the Committee of the Customs, to report.

42. The petition of the Guinea Company, about losses in the river Gambia, referred to the Committee on the claims of those sustaining losses by the King or subjects of Portugal, to receive their proofs, and insert them with other of like nature.

44. Major Evelyn, and others appointed to oversee the demolishing of Wallingford Castle, to certify what they have done concerning Michael Molins.

45. The petition of the Eastland merchants referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

46. Order, on petition of Richard Amys, that Mr. Hawkins, clerk to the Irish and Scotch Committee when it sat in the Star Chamber, deliver him the account in his hands, or show cause to the contrary within 10 days.

47. The petition of Don Diego de Castro to be sent to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, to examine and report.

48. Order, on petition of John Hobard, Nich. Holford, and Robert Wetherall, that the Haberdashers' Hall Committee review what they have to offer as to a discovery on behalf of the Commonwealth, and allow the discoverers the usual amount.

49. Order on petition of Katherine, wife of Wm. Moffett, late vicar of Edmonton, Middlesex, that the settlement made by the justices of peace be confirmed; Hugh Selden to have notice, and to yield obedience.

50. The petition of John King and Peter Blackborow, merchants of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

51. Order, on petition of Jacob Harman, master of the Old Wagon of Embden, that Jas. Pickering have a copy, and show cause why the ship and goods should not be restored.

52. Order, on petition of several soldiers in Col. Goffe's regiment, that Com.-Gen. Whalley and other officers inform themselves of the truth of what is alleged, and compose the business, or report.

53. The petition of Glound Brown, with a demand on behalf of the petitioner, to be sent to the Spanish Ambassador.

54. Order on the petition of several well-affected in Kintbury parish, Berks, to write to the two next justices of peace to take

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care that Mr. Warren exercise his ministry there without interruption, and that the sequestrators of that place pay him the profits of the vicarage for his encouragement.

55. The petition of Roger Hemans referred to the Admiralty Committee.

56. The Receiver-General of the revenue to pay to the executors of William Watson 331*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* if due as alleged, the late restriction notwithstanding. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 80–91.]

July 21. Harwich. **83.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have despatched several of the ships which came in from the fleet for repairs, but the great obstruction is the want of beer. Particulars of ships. I will go to Southwold and Yarmouth, and send the recovered men to the fleet. The Phœnix has come in, with a Dutch man-of-war which she took off the Holland coast, with 70 men and six guns; she had sunk or burnt a collier, and can give no good account of the men; as I think these different from ordinary prisoners, I have secured most of the crew, and will send them under a guard to Colchester Castle. I have been to see the sick and wounded men at Ipswich, and as the bailiffs have promised to send those who have recovered to Harwich, I will ship them on board the Phœnix, to be transmitted to the fleet. I think the salt and wine prizes should be disposed of. [1 *page.*]

July 21. Leghorn. **84.** Charles Longland to Robert Blackborne. I have received your and Wm. Allen's letter, both tending to the redemption of Mathew Holt, now in captivity at Tripoly, but there seldom being any ships for that place, it being no town for trade (but only for thieving) I could not find any opportunity of writing thither. I have, however, lately given order to a Jew, that if his redemption could be obtained for 320 dollars, and he put on board a ship and got clear from the country, I would pay that amount on his arrival here, with 20 per cent. exchange; for which consideration the Jew runs adventure of the money hither, in the nature of assurance; but if Holt should die by the way, or make his escape at some port, the Jew runs no such adventure, but I am bound notwithstanding to pay the money here. This course I have taken, as I do for others, in regard your former order bid me draw the money upon his arrival here; but if you had ordered the money to have been sent over, this exchange of 20 per cent. had been saved. I hope in two months to hear something from thence.

I am thankful for your advice of the progress of our fleet before Holland, and of the arrival of their Ambassadors in England, and hope that if the State concludes a peace, it will be upon advantageous terms, or at least that they [the Dutch] never join with a foreign enemy against England. I confess if we had the cautionary towns it would bridle them; their malice against England has been sufficiently expressed in these wars, and more in words than in actions, which sufficiently declares it to be sheer malice; but as God has hitherto frustrated all their devices, so I hope He will do the like for

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the future, and I hope there will be a time when the authors of our sufferings in this port are called to account, notwithstanding the great distance.

You have doubtless heard how the Harry Bonadventure and her prize were taken, about 20 days' since, from under Trapana, a castle of the King of Spain's in Sicily, where they had fled for succour, and were promised it, but were notwithstanding taken by the enemy. They may pretend that the castle shot in their defence, but to no purpose. If the State resent this to the Spanish Ambassador, I see no reason but that His Majesty is bound to make good what insolencies are committed in his port. It is more than doubted that the captain of the castle sold these two ships to the Dutch, or else the Dutch themselves are liars. The Harry's prize was worth 20,000*l.* The Dutch ships now in port are going for Holland, and will touch at Cadiz by the way, so that if the Spanish Ambassador, upon the State's resentment of this action, should despatch a post to His Majesty, he might find those ships there, or at least young Tromp the actor, and order restitution. [2⅔ *pages.*]

July 21. London. **85.** James Allestyre to Viscount Conway and Kilultagh, Petworth. Enclosed are the French Gazettes, which are brought every Thursday; and as your carrier only calls on that day, they will always be six days' old before you receive them. I also enclose a catalogue of some things that are come, but expect more by the next ship from Dunkirk, and then you can have another catalogue. I have made enquiry for a Thomas's Dictionary that is perfect, but find them all falsely printed. The French Gazettes will cost you 1*s.* a piece; every farthing we pay for the postage. [½ *page.*]

July 22. Order in Parliament, on presentation by Col. Sydenham from the Council of State of Drs. Turner and Godolphin to be Admiralty Judges, that it be referred back to the Council of State, and that they report it to-morrow morning. [*I.* 90, *p.* 11.]

[July 22.] **86.** Petition of Jonathan Randall to the Navy Commissioners. Has attended them, almost to his ruin, for a sentence on the difference between him and his captain, and begs a speedy end. Begs them to peruse the examinations of the Truelove's company, and his proof of the captain's counterfeiting men's hands to his articles, and to end the business; but if this cannot be, begs a copy of the examinations and articles, that he may seek redress some other way. [1 *page.*]

[July 22.] **87.** Marg. Randall to Col. Rich and Major Burton of the Admiralty Committee. My husband has waited on you many days, and can hold out no longer. Pray preserve me and my five small children. [¼ *page.*]

July 22. **88.** Margaret Randall to the Navy Commissioners. Pray make a speedy end of the business between Capt. Robt. Vesey, and my husband Jonathan Randall, as the delay tends to my utter undoing; and discharge my husband from the Truelove, where he has served three years. [¾ *page.*]

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1. None of the members to leave town or absent themselves from Council without leave.

2. A list to be brought of all officers belonging to Council, and of those that have salaries from them.

3. Desborow, Moyer, Williams, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to consider of the officers of Council and their salaries, and report.

4. Tichborne and Moyer to examine whether the deal boards petitioned for by John King and Peter Blackborow of London belong to them, and to none others.

6. Liberty to be given to Col. Bennet to go into the country for a month.

7, 16, 17. Orders on the petitions of Thos. Phillips, minister of Adston, co. Northampton, Sam. Lanfier, of Dunder, co. Somerset, and Benj. Woodbridge, of Newbury, co. Berks, that Capt. Fauconberg pay them their augmentations, the late restraint notwithstanding.

8, 9. The lodgings lately resigned by Col. Henry Cromwell to be disposed to Sir Chas. Wolsley, Col. Montague, and Capt. Cust; and their lodgings, late belonging to Commissioners Whitelock and Lisle, to be assigned to Mr. Nest and Mr. Crofts.

10. The petition of John Kendrick, alderman of London, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, who shall examine if what is alleged be true, and if so, free the 2 bales of goods named from paying customs.

11. Order—on information that Capt. Taylor, master shipwright for the State, contracted with Skinner Rider for timber in Wallwood to build a frigate, though Rider's title to Wallwood is in suit in the Exchequer—that Taylor use the timber, and pay the money to Rider, if he be adjudged the owner.

12. The paper sent to Council, from the Committee appointed by them to consider of putting the treasuries into a way of management, to be recommended to the Committee of Parliament, on that business to use as they think fit.

13. Mr. Strickland and Col. Norton to report to Parliament the petition of the Earl of Derby with his case annexed, that such order may be given as they think fit.

14. The petition of Jas. Rand, apothecary of the Savoy and Ely House, referred to the Army Committee, to pay him what has been disbursed for the sick and maimed soldiers there.

15. The petition of Serjeant Birkett referred to Strickland, Sydenham, and Broughton, to report.

19. The Committee for Whitehall to take care that Mr. Nest, Mr. Crofts, Mr. St. Nicholas, and Mr. Broughton be fitted with lodgings in the Prebends' Houses, Westminster; the remainder to be disposed of to such members of Parliament as are not yet accommodated with rooms.

20. Council to meet to-morrow morning by eight a.m.

21–23. 200*l.* to be given to the two children of Capt. Robert Batten, who was killed in serving the State, for their subsistence, and to be paid to Edward Deane, and Samuel Briggs of Portsmouth, for their

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use, they giving security to Col. Richard Norton and Alex. Wilson, trustees for the children, that it shall be faithfully employed for their bringing up until they come of age, and a true account given, and that what shall remain shall be paid to the said children. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 92-97.]

July 23. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Irish and Scotch Committee to bring to Council this afternoon the report they are to make upon the letter from Mr. Clark in Scotland.

2. Col. Sydenham to report to Parliament that Council have considered the nominating of Judges of the Court of Admiralty, and cannot find any more fit to be employed than those before named. Lillibone Long to be a third man if they think fit, but leaving the choice to Parliament.

4, 17. Order that Capt. Fauconberg pay the augmentations to John Allein, minister of Odiham, and Nehemiah Holmes, the late order for restriction notwithstanding.

7. The Haberdashers' Hall Committee to take care that the bond on which Capt. Dodsworth borrowed 100*l.* for the forces at Nottingham be called in, on his payment of the money.

9. The ship of deals lately brought into Harwich, on the account of John King and Peter Blackborow, to be permitted to come into the port of London, free of confiscation, they tendering the boards at market price, for the use of the Navy.

10. The license granted to King and Blackborow to import commodities useful for the State to be cancelled.

11. The petition of the auditor, solicitor, and messengers of the Committee of public revenue, referred to Moyer, Broughton, and Desborow.

12. The petition of the sub-commissioners for excise in co. Nottingham referred to the Committee for Excise.

13. The ship Jeames, belonging to Mr. Pickering, Robinson, and Tod, fitted as a private man-of-war, to be made stay of, on petition of Robinson and Tod, unless cause to the contrary be shown by Pickering.

14. The papers offered by Sir Chas. Wolsley for a collection for the town of Long Sutton, co. Lincoln, referred to the Committee for Petitions, and Sir Chas. Wolsley, Major-Gen. Harrison, and Col. Sydenham to recommend it.

15. Carew, St. Nicholas, and Broughton to request the Committee of Parliament for inspecting the treasuries to offer to Parliament that Major-Gen. Desborow, Capt. Cust, Col. Clark, Capt. Courtney, and Major Heane be appointed inspectors of the Treasury, by the same Act that Col. Downes, Ald. Alleyn, &c. were appointed.

16. Col. Bennet to come to Council on Monday, to acquaint them with the business of coining money in the Tower.

19. The Committee for Prisoners to be authorised to release such Dutch prisoners as by age or otherwise are unfit for service.

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22. To write the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to permit Robt. Hammond to dispose of the wines left in a prize ship, free from custom and excise. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 100–106.]

July 23. Council of State to Thos. Stoner. Several persons having been appointed on the late Act for saltpetre to dig for and extract it, and to deliver in proportions on contracts, we appoint you proofmaster of all the saltpetre so delivered, to take care that none be accepted, unless refined to the height expressed in the several contracts. [*I.* 70, *p.* 109.]

July 23. The Resolution, off the Texel. **89.** General Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We have had much contrary wind since leaving Southwold Bay, and been forced to anchor upon the leeward tides, and now intend plying about the Texel, to hinder the enemy's conjunction. Some of our ships are in great want of seamen, occasioned by many falling sick, who were put on shore while in Southwold Bay. Send us 400 seamen, if they can be had; and if not, then as many able soldiers, to be put on board the ships now coming out of the river, and sent to the fleet with expedition. Let them bring clothes, or they will occasion much sickness amongst us, as we have found by experience. Let those left sick at Ipswich, Harwich, and other places, on their recovery, be ordered to the fleet, there being many able seamen amongst them. I have written Major Bourne about it, but your order will make it more effectual.

As to the beer and water demanded to complete the fleet to October, it has since been thought fit, with advice of the flag officers, that ¾ should be beer, and the rest water; order it accordingly that it may be sent away as soon as possible. I enclose a list of such ships as are come and coming from the Thames and Harwich; let the rest be hastened. Let the new frigates for flag ships now building be ready against the winter. [1 *page.*]

Enclosing,

89. I. *List of* 11 *ships which have sailed to the fleet from Harwich, and of seven in the Thames ready to sail.* [1 *page.*]

July 23. **90.** Col. J. Barkstead [Lieutenant of the Tower] to the Navy Commissioners. The Admiralty Committee having issued an order for you to imprest to my Major 50*l.* for payment of the watermen employed in rigging out ships in the river, some scores of whom are to be paid to-day, I beg you will deliver the bill for receipt of the money to the bearer, Mr. Spencer, that the service may not suffer by the poor men's want of their money. [⅔ *page.*]

July 25. Council of State. Day's Proceedings.

2. The petition of Sir Alexander Gibson of Durie, Scotland, to be reported by Mr. Strickland to Parliament for their direction.

3. The appointed Committee to meet Lord Lagerfeldt at 3 p.m. in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

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4. The inditement against Harman Barne, gunsmith, a Dutchman, for exercising his handicraft in this nation, to be stopped, and order to be given to the justices of Middlesex to forbear proceeding against him, and permit him to exercise his trade till further order.

5. The petition of the inhabitants of Hampton, Hanworth, Teddington, and other towns thereabouts in Middlesex, referred to 2 of the next justices of the peace, or in their absence to Mr. Barrell and Mr. Brown, to examine and report.

6. Col. Sydenham, and the rest of the Committee appointed to receive the accounts of the charges upon the receipt of Exchequer, to transmit the account given by Capt. Falconbridge to the Committee of Parliament for business of that nature.

7. The report concerning Sir John Lenthall to be transmitted to the Committee of Parliament for Prisoners.

8. Mr. Carew to present to the Committee for Inspections the draft of an Act for the sale of forest lands.

9. The appointed Committee to meet the Lords Deputies from the United Provinces at 5 p.m. in Whitehall. Fleming to give them notice.

10. Liberty given to —— to carry to Bordeaux 2 tons of wheat, and to bring back the value in French wines, importing them free of confiscation.

13. Order on petition of Capt. Hen. Appleton, that Sir Ant. Ashley Cooper, Mr. Howard, Mr. Strickland, and Col. Hewson be a Committee to hear what he has to relate concerning the management of the business of the Straits, wherein he with others was engaged. Sir A. A. Cooper to take care thereof and report what Appleton shall relate to them.

14. **91.** The Admiralty Committee to appoint a convoy for bringing from Newcastle the coal fleet now ready to sail, as some ships lately coming thence have been taken by the enemy.

15. The petition of Rich. Nesling, mariner, employed in the Bryer frigate, to be sent to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, who are to pay the money which appears to be due, or report.

16. The intelligence this day given in from Whitby, 21st July, to be sent to the Generals of the fleet.

17. Mr. Moyer to move Parliament to pass the Act now before them, authorising the present Council to sit.

18. Courtney, Broughton, Tichborne, Strickland, Hewson, and Moyer to be a Committee to confer with the Commissioners for Prize Goods on the paper given in from the agent of the Queen of Sweden, concerning 10 ships said to be taken from her subjects by English ships of war and detained in England, to take an account of their taking and detention, and report. The Committee to sit at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

19. The petition of Carew Harvey Mildmay referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report with speed. Meantime he is to keep in his hands the plate mentioned therein.

20. The petition of Edward Smith referred to the Admiralty Judges, to proceed according to law.

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21. Liberty given to Edw. Parrie, late clerk in the Court of Star Chamber, or to any other person employed by Lady Anne Holborne, to take copies of records or depositions remaining in the late court, in a cause there depending between the then King's Attorney-General, plaintiff, and Sir Wm. Layton and others, defendants.

22. The petition of William Saul referred to the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall, to proceed as is usual.

23. Order on his petition that $\frac{1}{5}$ of the jewels and treasures which he shall discover, and bring to the use of the State, be paid him in consideration of his discovery.

24. Moyer, Broughton, Tichborne, and Courtney to be a Committee to receive such propositions as shall be offered by merchants or others concerning the ascertaining of convoys and encouragement of the exportation of navy commodities, and to report.

25. The appointed Committee to meet the deputies from the United Provinces to-morrow at 5 or 6 p.m., if the deputies shall desire it. Fleming to give them notice, and bring them to the meeting. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 113–117.]

July 25. Leghorn. **92.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. 20 of the English captives in the Harry Bonadventure have made their escape from the Dutch, and having come to me for sustenance, I have been necessitated to allow it. Some of them were formerly taken in the Leopard, whom I sent to Messina to furnish the Harry, and some others wounded; all must be relieved until some means may be had to carry them to their country, and they must not now be neglected, as the State has occasion for their services. The Dutch are still here, but intend sailing for Cadiz, where the Spaniard may repair the dishonour done his port by seizing on the Harry and her prize, if the Ambassador be urged thereto by the State at home. We have the unhappy memory of the reprisal of the Phœnix in this road, out of the reach of any gun ashore, and for aught I know, without any promise of protection from this prince, though the contrary without any reason be pretended, they (the Dutch) being the besiegers; yet you know how dear it cost the State by the thrusting out of those ships into the enemy's mouth that before were taken into protection. You have much more reason to demand reparation of the King of Spain for what he took into his protection, especially when your enemies are to pay the loss.

I understand the Dutch have sent Commissioners to England to treat for a peace; if it succeeds, I hope you know where to be paid the large expenses of your ships in these parts, whereof you have had a particular account from me. With copy of his letter of 18 July 1653. [2 *pages.*]

July 25. Aug. 4. Hague. **93.** ——— to ———. Our divisions in every town increase, and the common people are not able, through want of trade, to hold longer, which makes them generally ready to rise against the Lords, who are forced to use double diligence for their own safety, which is looked upon as tyranny, and truly their condition is sad.

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1653. July 25. Letters from their Ambassadors speak little hopes of any agreement with you, and say that the loss of another fleet could not render them in a worse condition than England looks upon them now to be, nor would it be then worse as to a treaty, and that no better way could be thought on than to provide and get forth their fleet. They likewise say that you have made no secret agreement with the Swede, but that you make slight of all friendship, and carry things contrary to all State policy, and that it could not hold out; that your people are all disobliged, no care taken for the increase of trade, or giving satisfaction to the people in anything, and that a little rub at sea would render you in a sad condition. This was the postscript, that if the sad condition of Bordeaux, whose relief Cromwell did affect, would not cause him to make a peace, if it should be taken, he would more violently prosecute this war, and nothing that could be devised would take him off but the enslaving of them.

All care is taken in our several councils for securing ourselves, and we seem resolved for the war, as long as we have any hopes, or can make any resistance. We are securing Helford and Goree, and every creek where we think you may hurt us is looked after. The necessity of a Stadtholder is set forth, and I am confident will be taken on, with all other interests whatsoever that can animate the business, whereby we hope to cement all our own broils within, and to withstand you, hoping that your own troubles within, and the charge of your war, will force you to retire, and come off on better terms, which we would willingly embrace, because necessity forces us to it.

The Swede's besieging Bremen startles us much, we fearing what place she will attempt next; and though our Ambassadors write that the Swedes and you are not agreed, yet we believe the contrary. The Dane is fearfully put to his trumps; they were alarmed that your fleet was coming that way, and the country people fled, and carried their goods towards Lubec. It is written by good hands, that should your fleet but come on there, his great ships, for all their vapours, would hardly resist you, they being possessed with a slavish, guilty fear. Indeed the Hamburghers are your greatest enemies privately, and prejudice you many ways. Necessity will force you to lay hold on that place that has been spoken of so much, whereby you may not only curb them, but utterly ruin the Dane.

All care is taken for the setting forth of our fleet, and to have them well manned, and they will want no necessaries of war. There are 800 soldiers sent from the Brill, and other parts, to Tromp, with more fireworks and engines of war, and they have some 16 fire-ships there; the management of this fleet is solely left to the Admiralty, and their great care is how they may join their fleets. Tromp with Enertsen will first engage your fleet, so that De Witt may come forth, who will ride ready at the Texel. When they are all together, they will be 125 sail, but the best ships are in the Texel, without which there is no hope of effecting anything. If you order your fleet so that De Witt may not come forth, you will keep them from joining, and do whatever we can, we are not able long to hold out.

Our trade is nearly gone, and our banks begin to look blank, and lose their credit every day, and cannot hold out long. Our East

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India actions fall to nothing, and there is no encouragement and great want of money, and were it not for contrary interests that help to manage this war, they would have wanted ere this. There is nothing to raise money upon. The farmers of excise or factors, from whom most of their money comes, break every day. I am confident the design I wrote you in my last will take, so give timely notice to your fleet. They had been out, had it not been for some ships of Enertsen's that wanted men; they are now furnished, though not well. Tromp has 78 men-of-war, some of them are slight, and others are fire-ships and little things, but they are the best they can make, and indeed are all. They are confident that the Emperor will work wonders with the Danish King, whom heaven has designed in all likelihood to fall with these. If art and promises can take off the Swede, it will be used.

Expect our fleet out with the first; they in the Texel have orders to be ready. Our counsels in general seem to be willing for a peace with you, but rather than it should be on low base terms, they will venture all. They privately complain of some friends, who, they believed, had more power and influence than they have. The King is assured from hence that, when their Ambassadors come away, he will be sent for. He is sending instructions to England, Ireland, and Scotland, and Lord Inchiquin has a design now ripe in the province of Munster. Let the Lord General take notice that, when all interests are ripe with you, his life will be attempted, which done, they do not fear to carry their business, which is the design of all interests at last. I am privately assured there is one will act when time serves, but the King's interest must be first taken on here, and thereby the cause made irreconcileable.

List of 77 Jesuit priests sent over to be employed in England and Wales.

If you mean to go any further for your security, enlarge your interest, you know where. [5 *pages.*]

July 25. London. **94.** Theodorus to Viscount Conway. All the provinces of the Hollanders now own the Prince of Orange, and set up his colours, some part of Holland and the city of Amsterdam (which is *instar omnium*) only excepted; but those too as it is believed will be reduced before Michaelmas.

We permit 10 ships to go hence for the relief of Bordeaux forthwith, the Spaniard having sent them considerable naval aid already, but the Duke of Vendome (that King's admiral) with Sir Geo. Carteret and others, has so straightly besieged them within the Garonne river, that it is thought our assistance will come to them too late.

It is given out that there will be a purchased sessions on purpose for John Lilburne, to be held in the Guildhall on 8 August, but some think he will lie in Newgate until our next ordinary sessions, after Bartholomew tide, when most of the judges will have returned from their circuits.

There has started up an audacious virago, or feminine tub-preacher, who last Sunday held forth for almost two hours in the late Queen's

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mass chapel at Somerset House, Strand, and has done so there and elsewhere several Sundays of late. She claps her Bible and thumps the pulpit cushion with almost as much confidence (I should have said impudence) as honest Hugh Peters himself.

The Dutch East India fleet of 18 sail has returned, and is safely harboured in one of the French ports; they are making all the strength they possibly can to get safe home, which they much fear, and that makes their agents here more pliable to us in our demands than they would be; it was observed last Wednesday that they made more close addresses to our Council of State than of late, and have daily consultations, with so much secrecy that John Thurloe, the Council's clerk, is not privy thereto, nor records anything, and it is said their compliance is far advanced already.

The matter of tithes which has taken up so much debate, in the close, amounts to thus much; that as touching impropriations, they will not meddle with them at all; and for the tithes themselves, they are referred to one of the eleven Committees newly established. I enclose a copy of one of those Committees, called the Committee for the Relief of Petitioners. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

94. I. *Order in Parliament appointing Col. Rous and* 12 *others a Committee to consider of petitions directed to Parliament, of which they are to present only such as are proper for the legislative power, and not relievable elsewhere; with power in such as concern private persons to send for persons and papers, examine witnesses on oath, state the matter of fact, and report. Also if the petitions are not made good, to say what costs should be given to the persons unjustly molested. To meet on Monday, in the painted chamber,* 20 *July* 1653. [1 *page. Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VII. p.* 287.]

July 26. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Major Bishop, Walter Finch, Mr. Fletcher, Matthew Webb, and Mr. Carter to be committed prisoners to the Gatehouse, on suspicion of being coiners of false money.

2. Col. Hewson and Col. Tomlinson added to the Committee to examine persons suspected of being coiners; the Committee to meet, examine the business, and report.

3. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare an answer to the paper this day sent in by M. de Bordeaux, and report. Mr. Strickland to take care of this business.

4. The Ordnance Committee to meet to-morrow to ascertain what quantities of powder and round shot remain in Leadenhall and Upnor Castle, and what quantities can be spared for the fleet, and report.

5. Sir Chas. Wolsley added to the Ordnance Committee.

6. **95.** The Admiralty Committee to meet with the Ordnance Committee, to consider into what way the Ordnance Office may be put to the advantage of the service.

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7. The letter to the Duke of Holstein to be signed and sent.

9. Col. Norton to request Parliament to-morrow that Sir Chas. Wolsley may be added to the Admiralty Commissioners.

10. Capt. Appleton to attend the Committee of Council appointed to hear him at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

11. The appointed Committee to meet the Portuguese Ambassador to-morrow at 5 p.m.; Fleming to give him notice, &c.

12. The warrants from the Revenue Committee to Capt. Fauconberg for payment of augmentations to be transmitted to the Committee for Inspection of the Treasuries.

13. Mr. Emerie to take a view of the scaffolds about Paul's Church, estimate their value, and report.

14. Mr. Hodges, Birket, Cuthbert, and Wakeman to attend Mr. St. Nicholas and Mr. Broughton, to give account by what right they hold their houses in Westminster lately belonging to the prebends.

15. Mr. Long to be put in possession of the sequestration of the parsonage of Rownard, co. Hants, to officiate till further orders.

16. Major-Gen. Desborow and Col. Tomlinson to move the Lord General that 200 land soldiers be sent to the fleet, and the officers to attend the Admiralty Committee for directions as to the time and manner of sending.

17. The Dutch prisoners lately sent to Colchester, to be confined in the castle, to be removed from where they now are to the castle.

18. The warrant for paying 10*l.* from Council's contingencies to Mr. Townsend for good service to be renewed, the former warrant being lost.

19. The Whitehall Committee to take care that Sir Roger North's lodgings in the little cloister in Westminster be assigned to Mr. Hollister, if they be not already disposed of, or if the present possessor do not show cause for holding them.

20. The petition of Isaac Dorislaus referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the sums charged upon the revenue, to report.

21. The Committee for Prisoners to release such Dutch prisoners as by age or other cause are unfit for service. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 119–123.]

July 26. Algiers. **96.** Edm. Casson to the Admiralty Committee. On 2 Mar. 1649, I freed Math. Aderam of Plymouth out of captivity, who remained in my service, and that of Hump. Oneby, the consul, waiting in vain the arrival of a ship to take him to England, and stayed until Oneby's death, on the 18th inst. As he faithfully served us for four years, having only food and apparel, pray give him such a gratuity as you think he deserves. I have advanced him 20 dollars on account. [¾ *page.*]

July 26. Algiers. **97.** Edm. Casson to the Admiralty Committee. To like effect on behalf of John Roch of Falmouth, freed 8 Feb. 1649. I have advanced him 10 dollars. [¾ *page.*]

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1. Mr. Courtney, Major Boughton, and Mr. Broughton added the Committee for the Mint, which is to have the same powers as the last Committee possessed; and to give such directions as they think fit for the melting down and coining the silver in the Tower.

2. Desborow, Strickland, Wolsley, Pickering, Sydenham, Harrison, Norton, Cooper, Lawrence, and Tichborne to be a Committee for Foreign Affairs, to meet every Thursday morning to consider things of that nature, and report.

4. Order on petition of the inhabitants of several parishes having right of common in the forest of Whittlewood, co. Northampton, that Col. Norton, Mr. Williams, Mr. St. Nicholas, and Mr. Courtney be a Committee to hear the petition, examine witnesses if they see cause, hear what Lord Grey has to say in answer, and report.

6. To write to Capt. Martin to bring to the port of London the ship Smyrna Merchant from the East Indies; and that the ship's company are to come into the Lee Road free from being impressed.

7. All members now in town to come to Council at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

8. The petition of Wm. Pipes, mariner, referred to the Committee for Hospitals, to examine the matter, and if true, to admit him to the hospital, to be provided for with others in like condition.

9. The Lieutenant of the Tower to certify the present state of health of the Earl of Lauderdale, prisoner there, Council having received a petition from him desiring his liberty, in consideration of his loss of health.

10. To certify to the assessors in the ward in the city of London wherein the public office for receiving and carrying of letters is kept, that in the contract with Capt. Manley upon which he undertook that office, it was agreed that it should not be assessed as a post office, and that he should be free from being assessed for holding it, on paying a considerable yearly rent for it.

13, 14. Order to Capt. Fauconberg to pay the augmentations to Ralph London, preacher at Hereford, and Chris. Hindley, minister at Urchfont, Wilts, the late restriction notwithstanding.

15. Order to Capt. Fauconberg to pay to Chris. Muschamp the money ordered him for firing bought for the late King, the late restriction notwithstanding.

16. The ¾ of a year arrears of allowance due to Sam. Hartlib out of the augmentation of Pembroke College, Oxford, and the 1¼ year's arrears from the undervalues of Goldsmiths' Hall, to be paid to him by the respective treasurers, and Col. Sydenham to consider a way for his future maintenance, and report.

20. Order on petition of John Chaworth, merchant of London, on behalf of Antonio Taliacarne and other Genoese, that the Commissioners for Prize Goods permit them to land their goods, and appraise them upon their landing, and on their giving good security to be responsible for their value in case they shall be adjudged for-

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forfeited to the commonwealth, deliver the goods to the petitioners, to dispose of as they find fit, provided nothing herein ordered be to the prejudice of the commonwealth, in which case the Committee are to certify to Council, or otherwise put this order into execution.

21. Capt. Fauconberg to pay 60*l.* to Geo. Goad, burser of Eton College, the late restriction notwithstanding.

22. The petition of Sarah, widow of Alexander Gall, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to examine into her condition, and report. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 125–135.]

July 27. The Resolution, off the Texel. **98.** General George Monck to the [Admiralty Commissioners]. The several vessels with beer, water, and victuals have not yet arrived; I wish they had, as the complaints for beer are daily renewed. As to the 300 tuns which the victuallers promise to supply weekly, I think the service will suffer more thereby than we are aware of, for it is not to be expected the fleet should continue in one place, when we only attend the motion of the enemy. Let not the victuallers be suffered to furnish us with what they please, and at their own time, but let the full proportion yet unsupplied be forthwith provided and sent us, and let the goodness answer the quantity, which hitherto has not been.

The quantity of water provided and providing will complete us to the time of our victualling, but that desired 14 days ago has not yet been sent; I fear that when the service calls us off from this place, the want of water and beer will be the only obstacle. The butter and cheese have arrived, and Mr. Gauden's man to look after the distribution, which is very welcome and seasonable. I enclose account of munition received, and desire some round shot, paper, junk, and candles.

The 12 ships in the Hope will be very useful. I wish they and the 250 men from the West were with us. I am sorry the new frigates will not be ready by the winter, as the enemy will have a great advantage at that season, and for ought I know, will thereby be masters of the seas for a time. Do not forget a supply of seamen, if they are to be had, or else 400 able soldiers. I wish the Council of State had given a positive order about the powder and masts at Hamburg, but I have despatched a small vessel with a messenger to the Resident there, desiring him to ship them by the time our cloth ships arrive there. I intend to send three frigates as a convoy, who will bring the powder and masts. I enclose a list of the fleet before the Texel; there are 30 sail of Dutch riding in sight of us, and endeavouring a conjunction with those in the Welling, which we shall endeavour to prevent. [1¾ *pages.*]

July 27. Navy Office. **99.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We have considered your order, and return what we apprehend may be advantageous for reformation of the remissness of the commanders, officers, and others, in not attending their duty on board their respective ships while in the river or port.

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First, it should be declared to all commanders in the service, and required as their duty, that when any of their ships come in to wash, tallow, and refit, they continuing under sea pay, they give their constant attendance on board, and never be absent above six hours together without express leave from the Admiralty or Navy Commissioners, and then take special care that during their absence the lieutenant and master continue on board, to see all work carried on, under the following penalties; viz., for the first offence, to lose a month's pay; for the second, three months' pay; and for the third, to be cashiered the service.

That no lieutenant or master absent themselves from their ships above six hours without special leave from the commander; and provision be made that during the absence of the lieutenant, the captain and master be always on board, and during the absence of the master, the captain and lieutenant.

That no under officer, as clerk of the check, steward, boatswain, gunner, or carpenter, absent themselves without leave from the captain, lieutenant, or master, unless necessitated to look after supplies, or on other emergencies in reference to the ship, and then to provide that their respective mates be always on board, upon the like penalty as before.

That no mariner absent himself without express leave of the commander, under penalty of losing a month's pay for every offence.

And because the life of any law consists in its execution, we judge fit that the clerks of the check not only perform their duty by keeping aboard their ships, but daily take an exact account how both officers and others attend their duties, according to the foregoing directions, and once a week make a return to the Navy Commissioners; and in case any clerk of the check make default in the premises, he shall forfeit a month's pay for every offence.

The clerks of the check of the several yards where ships are refitting are also to keep a check upon the clerks of the check on shipboard, and return to the Navy Commissioners once a week an account thereof.

For expediting the despatch of ships either at their first setting out or upon their repairs (when the captains formerly have not been under sea pay) we think that the captains, after their first entrance, should be allowed full sea pay, and be in such case enjoined to like constant attendance on board their ships, for despatch of their occasions, and providing mariners needful; and in case of default, to undergo the before-mentioned penalties. [1¾ *pages.*]

July 28. **100.** Act touching the several receipts of the revenues and treasuries of the commonwealth, &c.

Sir Wm. Roberts, Wm. Sydenham, Arthur Squib, Ed, Cresset, Col. Wm. Gough, and Major Hezekiah Haines, or any three of them, whereof one must be one of the members of Parliament afore-named, to inquire into the several treasuries, their management, and the salaries for collecting and issuing them; the nature of the charges

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on them, and the interest paid thereon; and how the receipts and issues can be brought into one channel, and managed with least charge, and particularly how needless officers may be discharged. Also to consider how the revenue may be improved and debts discharged, and to give an account to Parliament; all revenue officers assisting them.

Also after 28 July, they are, on certificates of the Admiralty Committee, to issue warrants to the treasurer of receipts from which the navy is to be paid, for sums for the navy. This Act to be in force till 1 Jan. 1653–4, and no longer. [3 *pages. Printed. Also* G. 131, *pp.* 287–289.]

July 28. **101.** Note that Alderman Tichborne reported that the Committee appointed to consider of servants to attend on Parliament, and their salaries, had resolved that 300*l.* a year should be allowed to the Serjeant-at-arms, besides fees mentioned, varying from 5*l.* to 10*s.* [1 *page.*]

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1, 3. Orders to Capt. Fauconberg to pay to Serjeant Birkett and to Edw. Bulstrode, justice for North Wales, what is due to them, the late restriction notwithstanding.

2. To order the sequestrators of Middlesex to forbear to disfurnish any of the rooms made use of by the Committee for removing obstructions, but to permit the hangings to remain till further order.

5. The late restriction, touching payment of moneys by the Revenue Commissioners without order of Council, taken off as far as concerns augmentations to ministers and masters of colleges, which Capt. Fauconberg is to pay as before.

6. Lawrence, Moyer, Wolsley, Broughton, and Sydenham to be a Committee to take account of the money paid to the late King's servants since his leaving the Parliament; to send for any books of accounts, papers, or writings relating to the business, and to examine any persons who can give information, and report.

7. The Committee for reviewing the account of the revenue to consider out of what treasury the money due to the judges may be paid, and report.

8, 9. The petitions of Sir Robt. Pye and Sir John Thorowgood referred to the said Committee.

10. **101***a.* Order, on petition of Mary Simons and Eleanor Hill, widows, that the Committtee at Haberdashers' Hall order the Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to pay them the pensions allowed them, with arrears.

11. The petition of Joan Gilbert referred to the Committee for Trinity House, to examine and certify.

12. That of Thos. Hill and Thos. Flexall referred to the Committee to examine into the coining of false money, to report.

13. Commissary-Gen. Whalley and the rest of the Committee for Prisoners to confer with the Governor of Thomas' and Bartholomew's Hospitals, concerning the taking in of such Dutch prisoners as are

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or may be sick, that they may be provided with all things necessary for their recovery, and to report.

14. Order, on the petition of Judith Hobson, that if she can prove that she was inserted in the home list, and had a sum assigned her, and that her name was only left out in the transcribing, Capt. Fauconberg pay her the sum assigned her.

15. Order, on petition of Everard Ernions of Hounslow, sword blade maker, to write to the next justices of peace in Middlesex to desire them to examine the state of the business, and report. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 134–137.]

July 28. Whitehall. Council of State to the justices of peace for Middlesex, &c. Harmon Barne, a Dutchman, petitions that he has been indicted at the late Middlesex sessions at Hicks Hall, for exercising his trade as gunsmith, being a foreigner; but we, considering it needful that all persons of that trade should be encouraged, have stayed proceedings against him. You are therefore to proceed no further, and the prosecutors are to forbear prosecution till further order. [*I.* 70, *p.* 138.]

July 28. **102.** Maj.-Gen. John Lambert and Hen. Scobell to the Council of State. We have considered the report made by the Committee of Parliament concerning the Isle of Axholme, and find it is warranted by the depositions. On desire of the solicitor for the inhabitants of Epworth, we ordered that they, as well as the freeholders and tenants, and the participants who are the prosecutors have a copy, and we appointed a day to hear all the parties upon the report, but did not find any material objection thereto.

We think that the 7,400 acres mentioned in the report ought to be settled in possession of the participants, and they quieted in them.

For avoiding riots and outrages, and the ill consequences thereof, which may endanger the peace, and tend to violation of law, we propound that in a case of this nature, wherein so many on both sides are concerned, and such great damage suffered by the participants and their tenants, a special commission should be awarded to the judges of the assize to try the rioters, so that the offenders may be punished, and the sufferers repaired in a legal way.

As the work has an appearance of being a great advantage to the commonwealth, besides the interest of the State in a fee-farm rent of 1,228*l.* a year, reserved out of the same for ever, we think a Bill should be presented to Parliament, for an Act confirming the improvement of the whole level, as well as for the encouragement of the participants in preserving it, as of others to endeavour the like public good. In case the inhabitants of Epworth and Misterton have anything to offer, either touching the proportion of land set out for the participants, or that remaining to themselves, they should be heard therein. [1¾ *pages.*]

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July 28. Chatham. **103.** Thomas Wright to Edward Marston, near Whitehall Gate I desire you will draw a certificate for Capt. Appleton's signature as to the loss of my brother, Thos. Young, who was lieutenant of the Leopard with Capt. Appleton, and upon the retaking of the Phœnix from the Dutch in the Straits, was shot through the head, in attempting to break open the great cabin door where young Tromp was confined. [1 *page.*]

July 28. Victualling Office. **104.** Thos. Alderne to Robt. Blackborne. Most of the provisions have been shipped; I am hastening away the remainder, delayed through the bread rooms not being ready. Though we are very sensible of the service of the Lieutenant of the Tower in pressing men, yet his falling foul of our victualling and water ships, and pressing men out of them much hinders business. Yesterday for despatch of a ship to the fleet with 200 tuns of beer, we borrowed men to tow down lighters, but the men from one were pressed and she left adrift, so that the business stands still for want of hands to stow the beer. [1 *page.*]

July 28. Yarmouth. **105.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have despatched the sick men who have recovered to the fleet, and ordered the Phœnix and other ships named to remain in the Lee Road until the victualling and water ships are ready to sail. I am going to Southwold and Harwich, but am ill with a cold. The bailiffs want warrants to protect the fishermen from being pressed. [1 *page.*]

July 29. Order in Parliament—on report from Mr. Speaker of having received copies of credentials in Latin and English from the consuls and senators of Bremen, dated June 30th, to Henry Oldenburg—that the deputy from Bremen have audience from the Council of State. [*I.* 90, *p.* 12.]

[July 29.] **106.** Petition of 18 merchants, owners, and masters of three ships named, with 115 men, bound for the Straits, for an authority to sail without a convoy. Have waited for one 16 months, and twice had one promised, and their goods are perishing. Also for a warrant freeing their men from being impressed for the service of the State. [1 *page.*]

July 29. **107.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to report. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 140.]

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1. Order on petition of Peter Crucifix, French merchant at Dieppe, that he be desired to apply to the Admiralty Court, his case being more proper for their cognizance.

2. The petition of Alderman Gore referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

4. Order on petition of Anthony Hobart, that the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal certify the state of his case in writing with speed.

6. Lord Commissioner Whitelock to deliver to Dr. Brian Walton, and the other gentlemen who undertake the printing of

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the Bible in the original and other learned languages, to peruse the book of the Tecla's Septuagint, belonging to the library now or late at James's House, for the perfecting of the work, on security that the book shall be restored without defacement.

7. Major-Gen. Harrison to move Parliament to-morrow to appoint a Committee, to receive propositions for raising of money for defraying public charges, and to report to Parliament what is fit for their consideration.

8. Order on petition of Lieut.-Col. Roseworm, that Capt. Faūconberg examine what is due to him, and bring in a warrant for it, charged on Council's contingencies.

9. Council to meet to-morrow at 7 a.m. The Lord General to be desired to attend, and all members who are in town.

10. The restraint laid on payments of money out of the public revenue taken off as concerns payment of the servants of the Revenue Committee.

11. The petition of Robt. Ingram referred to the officers of Customs and Excise at Bristol, to give a speedy account.

12. The petition of John Adams, a distressed blind minister, referred to the trustees for the sale of deans' and chapters' lands, to do what they can for his relief.

13. **108.** The Admiralty Committee to call before them the Navy Victuallers, and inquire into the state of the victualling of the fleet, especially the beer, and report.

14, 15. The money coined or to be coined in the Tower, and the receipt of the Customs, to be reserved to the use of the navy, free from all other charges.

16. The Commissioners for Inspection to have power, on certificates from the Admiralty Commissioners, to charge the money coined in the Tower for payments to the Treasurer of the Navy for its use, according to warrants directed to him from the said Commissioners.

18. To write to Col. Washington, John Marsh, and Alban Cox to continue their care in quieting Mr. Goodwin's possession in Gravely rectory, and proceed against all who give opposition.

19. The petition of Robt. Coytmor, with papers annexed, referred to Desborow, Moyer, Williams, and Courtney, to report.

20. The petition of John Snoad, mariner, referred back to the Navy Commissioners, to do what is fit.

21. To answer to the petition of the merchants and mariners of Hull and York, representing their sufferings by the King of Denmark, that on their making known their losses to the Admiralty Court, Council will take care for their relief as for others in like condition.

22. Order on petition of Edward Keling, that letters of reprisal be granted him, he making known his losses in the Admiralty Court

23. Order on petition of several women and children in captivity in Morocco, that Mr. Blackborne inquire into the matter, and report.

24. The petition of Alexander Gallico referred to the Committee for Prize Goods, to state facts, and report speedily.

25, 26. That of James and Benjamin Edwards, merchants of London, and of Alderman Johnstone referred to the Customs

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Commissioners, to examine whether they had timely notice of the order for revoking the licences mentioned, and report.

27. Capt. Bishop to deliver the propositions made by Sir John Cochran, now in his hands, to the Committee of officers who are to confer with Cochran, and report.

28. Capt. Bishop to deliver to Council the papers concerning some disbursements of Major Eyton, in collecting the assessments for the army due from Staffordshire, that they may be transferred to the Army Committee.

29. The petition of Col. Mackworth, Governor of Shrewsbury, to be recommended to the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland.

31. That of Thos. Varvell, captain of the Increase of London, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to certify what is usual in like cases, and what should be done in this.

32. That of John Hendrickson Beron Poet referred to the Committee for Irish and Scotch Affairs, to examine and report.

35. To write to the Navy Commissioners to empower them to relieve the widows and orphans of those who have lost their lives in service at sea.

36. To write the Excise Commissioners to allow the 681*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* in full of the bills of charges demanded by Hen. Martyn and Geo. Rattenbury, deceased, in settling and gathering excise in Plymouth and the adjacent hundreds, co. Devon. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 140–147.]

July 30. Order in Parliament, on a letter from Mr. Bradshaw, Resident for the Parliament at Hamburg, dated July 19, 1653, with a paper enclosed, that the Council of State consider the continuance of Mr. Bradshaw as Resident, and give such instructions as they think fit. [*I.* 90, *p.* 12.]

July 30. **109.** Petition of Robert Peterson and 9 others to the Council of State, for the appointment of surveyors to examine the abuses of certain starchmakers, in using large quantities of good wheat for the making of white starch, 150 quarters a week within the lines of communication only, to the prejudice of the poor who require it for bread. There being no Acts of Parliament or orders regulating the trade, many tradesmen, as also bakers, millers, mealmen, and others, from desire of gain, have become starchmakers. In the time of Elizabeth, James, and the late King, starchmakers were not to lay in water or steep any wheat whole, or wheat bruised or ground to make starch, but only bran, pollard, or musty wheat meal or flour, that had become unsavory and not fit for bread, which was to be viewed by the master and wardens of the Bakers' Company, and a survey was also to be made in all cities, towns, and places where starch was made to sell.

As it has pleased God to give us plenty of wheat the past year, and great hopes of the same this year, though other grain has failed, and as the parts beyond seas which used to furnish us are now unable to do so, let us not be guilty of wasting so precious a commodity as wheat and corn, the staff of the natural life of man, but

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rather be careful, as Joseph was to provide for his brethren and strangers, lest they should perish for want of bread. 10 signatures. *Noted*, Proper only for the consideration of the Parliament. [1 *sheet.*]

July 30. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Abraham Askwith, merchant, referred to the Admiralty Committee to consider and report.

2. The Whitehall Committee to put Sir A. A. Cooper in possession of the lodgings assigned to him.

4. Major-Gen. Desborow to present to Parliament the petition of some inhabitants of co. Gloucester concerning the planting of English tobacco.

5. The persons in custody for coining to be committed to Newgate.

8. The lodgings in Whitehall now Lord Bradshaw's to be appointed, when he leaves them, to Col. Montague, and the Committee for Whitehall to take care they be not otherwise disposed of.

9. The petition of James Shaw, seaman, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to relieve him as they think fit.

10. The report from the Committee of Excise in the case of Robt. Llewellin and Rich. Orum, to be delivered to them, they having petitioned for it.

11. Order on certificate from the Committee of Trinity House in the case of Joan Gilbert, that the Navy Commissioners give what relief is usual to persons of her quality and in her condition.

12. The petition of Allen Grible and Thos. Miller of Rye, Sussex, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to do according to law.

13. The Lord General to be desired to quarter in Southwark such number of soldiers as he thinks fit, and as Serjeant Dendy informs him to be necessary for securing the prisoners in the Upper Bench prison and in its rules.

14. Mr. Fountaine to send to Serjeant Dendy the account of the prisoners in the Upper Bench and its rules.

17. Mr. Strickland to present to Parliament the case of Viscount Mansfield, as reported from the Committee appointed to examine it. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 149–152.]

July 31. Chatham. **110.** Thos. Cook to Edw. Marston. I desire you will give the bearer, my kinsman, your best advice concerning his business, and further his petition. I purpose being with you in a fortnight, and beg to be remembered to your wife and daughter. [½ *page.*]

July 31. Harwich. **111.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have written rudely, having been very ill, but am better. I have been to Ipswich, and despatched the victuals and what beer was good to the fleet, and there will be 80 or 90 tuns more next week, but much extraordinary charge has been and is incurred by its badness. I left four ships to gather up men from a fleet of colliers daily expected. I have sent to the fleet 200 recovered men of the sick and wounded, and will send 50 more shortly. The men say they have been ten-

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derly cared for, but those who have attended them complain for want of their money. It might be raised on sale of some of the prize goods which are perishing. I am much in want of money myself to carry on your affairs, and beg an order to the treasurers for the assessments to advance some, having already had 200*l.* from them upon my own engagement; also an order to fit out a Dutch sloop taken prize as a packet boat. Particulars] of ships. The Merlin has come in with two vessels taken from the Dutch. It is reported that Van Tromp is out with his fleet of 90 sail. [3 *pages.*]

July 31. Harwich. **112.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. You speak of my sending ships to Hull for victuals, but that is rather the place of the Generals. I am not displeased at the stores for this place going with those to the fleet, though it would have been more convenient had they come direct. It would be better to take out the masts here, though it will cause confusion and trouble, as the other things which we want are under them, and lade another vessel for the fleet. I find on the coast seamen discharged from the ships, their captains giving them tickets, and coming on shore sick, and receiving clothes from the magistrates. You should know weekly what is done herein. Upwards of 400 have recovered and gone to the fleet, and more will follow. Also to the same effect as the latter part of the preceding. [1½ *pages.*]

July ? **113.** Notes by Jeffrey Winch of seven merchant ships hired by Chas. Longland and Capt. Badiley, Dec. 1652 to March 1653, and particulars of their size, rate of hire, and the orders respectively given them. [2½ *pages.*]

July ? **114.** Petition of James Earl of Northampton to Parliament, for stay of further proceedings in several suits against him on account of the seizure of some cloth by his soldiers during the war [*see* 11 *June suprà*]. The King being advertised of the prize, gave a special order for disposing part thereof for the clothing of the soldiers of the garrison; part was commanded to Oxford, and the rest delivered to the parliamentary officers on the surrender of the garrison. The owners of the goods, between 20 and 30 in number, have privately commenced and kept dormant divers years, until the Act of Oblivion, several suits at law against the petitioner, two of which, viz., one in the name of Wm. Purnell, and another in the name of George Long, are to come to trial at Oxford within a week, and three others at the suit of Wm. Purnell, sen., Robert Crew, and John Dyrriott, are to be tried in August at Gloucester. [¾ *sheet.*]

July ? **115.** Oath to be faithful to the commonwealth of England, and its government as a free state, without a King, single person, or House of Lords. Signed by Wm. White, Th. Fagge, H. Morley, and John Weaver. [*Parchment.*]

July ? **116.** Petition of the inhabitants of Brighton, Sussex, to the Admiralty Committee. We thank you for your paternal care in former times. We are preparing 50 ships for the herring fishery, which will sail on 20 Aug., but fear the enemy, who not only daily annoy

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our coasts and take our barks, but disquiet us in our fishing at North Yarmouth. We beg a convoy to carry us to our fishing grounds, wait on our fleet the whole season, and bring us back. 22 signatures. [1 *page.*]

July ? **117.** Petition of Abr. Browne to the Admiralty Committee. The office of messenger in the Exchequer and Chancery fell void five or six months ago, by death of Mr. Parker, and is in disposal of Parliament. Having served the Commissioners of the Great Seal 9 or 10 years as seal bearer, &c., I applied for it to the Committee for nomination of Officers, who promised to present me as a fit person, and Mr. Scott was to report me to Parliament, but weighty affairs prevented, and then it was strangely interrupted. Hearing that you are to consider the disposal of places of profit, I beg you to present me to Parliament as a fit person for the office. Endorsed with note that the salary is 8*l.* 0*s.* 10½*d.* a year, with riding charges in Chancery 4*d.* a mile, in the Exchequer what the Treasury Commissioners please, and for attendance in Chancery what the Commissioners of the Great Seal please. [1 *page.*]

July ? **118.** Petition of Nath. Cobham, captain of the Sun, to Lord Gen. Cromwell, for a command in one of the frigates now building. Has served the State since 1641, went over with him to Ireland as master gunner, and after a year, Lord Deputy Ireton gave him the ship on which he has continued ever since, but it is now taken for a victualler. [½ *page.*]

July ? **119.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Committee. Geo. Browne served in the Princess Maria, and behaved stoutly in all the three engagements against the Dutch, and died of a spotted fever July 10, from a surfeit taken in the last engagement, five days after he was set ashore. His widow Dorothy is left destitute, and the Sick and Wounded Commissioners can do nothing for her unless her husband had died of wounds, but I think a surfeit taken in an engagement is equivalent to being slain outright. *Endorsed:* "Nothing can be done." [1 *page.*]

July ? **120.** David Dove to the Admiralty Committee. I have long been sick at sea, in my ship the Tenth Whelp, but being now restored, I beg leave to serve again, in the same ship or some other. [⅔ *page.*]

July ? **121.** Capt. Phil. Gethings to the [Admiralty Committee]. Hen. Morgan, gunner of the Advice pink, was ordered by me in the Mathias to press men, but he and eight more ran away with the pinnace, to our great hindrance. I have desired his commander to secure him, for men run away daily because they are not punished for their absence. I shall keep as many as I can light upon in irons till I come to the Generals, where they may be tried before a Council of war. I have three in irons on that account. [½ *page.*]

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Aug. 1. 2. Capt. Peter Hay to be committed prisoner to the . . . . . for taking arms against the commonwealth.

3. John Bishop, prisoner with the Serjeant-at-arms, committed on suspicion of being a coiner of false money, to be released, on security to appear within three days after notice.

4. **1.** The Admiralty Committee to give order that the ships mentioned in the annexed list, and also those at Portsmouth and in the Channel and the river, be forthwith fitted out and despatched to the fleet.

5. The Committee appointed to treat with M. de Bordeaux to meet him at 5 p.m. to-morrow. Fleming to give him notice.

6. The petition of Eliz. Colson referred to the Admiralty Committee.

7. The silver in the Tower, brought in by the Michael Archangel and Morning Star, to be melted down for coining. The Master of the Mint to see to the coining.

8, 10. The petitions of George Boschaert, merchant, and of James Pickering and Company, referred to the Admiralty Judges.

9. Order on petition of Peter Butler, that he make his proofs in the Admiralty Court of the losses he has sustained. The judges to certify the state of the business to Council in writing.

11. Capt. Howard and Mr. Strickland to be a Committee to examine Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. . . . . who have appointed to fight a duel.

12. The petition of Anne Brown, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to report what may be done for her relief.

13. The petition of Major Jeremiah Tolhurst referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

15. **2.** The petition of Capt. John Coppin referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider what may be done for his subsistence, and report.

16. That of Sarah Johnson, widow, referred to the Navy Committee, to give the relief usual in such cases.

17. The Committee appointed to treat with Lord Lagerfeldt to meet him next Wednesday at 5 p.m., at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

18. **3.** Order—on information by the Portuguese Ambassador of a difference between the Earl of Torse and the executors of Wm. Methwold, merchant of London, about a quantity of ambergris, supposed to be delivered to Methwold by Lord Philip Mascarenhas, Viceroy in the Indies, who left the Earl his sole heir, whereupon the Earl sent a procuration to the Ambassador to receive the amber, and the Ambassador wished the business to be settled without suit at law—that the difference be referred to Aldermen Avery

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and Pack and Josias Berners to examine and end the business, giving the Ambassador notice beforehand of their meeting. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 154–159.]

Aug. 1. ? **4.** Note of three ships at Woolwich, four at the Hope, seven at Portsmouth, and 4 in the West. All the ships are to hasten to Portsmouth to join the fleet, as the fleets are engaged.

Aug 1. Leghorn. **5.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Contrary to my expectations, the Dutch have left the Harry's prize here to sell, but four of them have sailed with the Harry Bonadventure, leaving four here, so that a dozen sail must remain to keep these seas, whereof the Leopard is admiral, who went to Cadiz 2 months since, but is expected back with 6 others. The Dutch squadron now departed were somewhat fearful, as 7 per cent. assurance has been given upon goods laden for Cadiz, and they are very weakly manned; since they returned to this port and heard how their country is besieged, they have no courage left; consequently if the State should send a squadron hither, they would find little resistance, and if their despatch was privately carried out, they might find sufficient purchase in these seas to maintain a fleet of 20 sail a year. One ship is expected from Smyrna in a few days that would half do it, as she has 320 bales of silk, besides other goods, which would sell here for ready money. With copy of his letter of 25 July 1653. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 2. Order in Parliament on a petition [on behalf of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne] this day presented, entitled "The humble petition of divers well affected and constant adherers to the interests of Parlialiament, and their own native fundamental rights and freedoms therein concerned, young men and apprentices of the cities of London and Westminster, borough of Southwark, and parts adjacent:"—

That the petition is a most high breach of the privilege of Parliament.

That it is scandalous and seditious.

That the six persons who brought it in be forthwith committed to the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, to be kept apart.

That the whole business be referred by Mr. Strickland to the Council of State, to examine who were the authors, subscribers abettors, and printers. [*I.* 90, *p.* 13. *Commons' Journ. VII., p.* 294.]

Aug. 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Jud, Mr. Dewie, and Mr. Freeman to be sent unto to attend Council forthwith.

2. Order on petition of the Tower labourers, that Mr. Frost examine their account, and if he find the sum due, a warrant will be issued to the Lieutenant of the Tower to pay it.

3. Order on petition of Wm. Spencer, warder of the Tower, that Thos. Coke, now his prisoner, pay him the sum due to him for keep during his imprisonment.

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4. The petition of John Manley referred to Col. Rich and Lieut.-Cols. Kelsey and Salmon, [the committee for managing the posts,] to consider whether relief should be given, and report. *Annexing.*

6. *Their report that in order to his quiet possession of the Post Office, without interruption, according to his contract, he be authorised to seize all mails, packets, and bags of letters carried by any other 'than the common known carriers, along with their carts, waggons or packhorses, which are the words used in his contract.* [¾ *page.*]

5. Col. Hewson to present to Parliament the petition of John Gifford, on behalf of himself, and the rest of the Munster officers, with Council's opinion thereon, that if Parliament think fit, the arrears of payment for their services be paid to them.

6. Strickland, Wolsley, Cooper, Sydenham, Courtney, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to examine the persons who presented to Parliament a petition on behalf of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, concerning the authors, contrivers, and printers of it. The Committee to send for any persons who can give evidence in the matter, examine, and report.

7. The Lord General, Strickland, Wolsley, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to examine such persons as they shall hear to be dangerous to the peace of the commonwealth, and to have power to commit them, until Council's pleasure concerning them be known.

9. The 100 barrels of powder contracted for by Alderman Tichbourne and Mr. Moyer to be accepted, if it prove Tower proof.

10. Order on petition of John Tucker, of Tiverton, co. Devon, that he be admitted as a beadsman in Trinity College, Cambridge.

12. Three lodging rooms of Sir Wm. Constable to be assigned to Capt. Cust by the Committee for Whitehall.

13. That Committee to put Mr. Lucie into the lodging in Somerset House lately belonging to Mr. Hunt, according to a former order.

14. The petition of Anthony Wills, merchant of London, referred to the Customs' Commissioners to examine, and if true, to permit him to import the wines mentioned, he paying all duties for the same.

15. Order on petition of Wm. Philips, and report from the Committee for Indemnity, that the case be presented to Parliament by Mr. Moyer, as worthy of their favourable consideration and relief.

16. The money due to Mr. Rand as apothecary to Ely House to be paid out of Council's contingencies.

17. **7.** The two accounts from Scarborough, of disbursements for sending packets to the fleet, referred to the Admiralty Committee for payment.

18. The inventories of goods taken in the Isle of Man in the Earl of Derby's castles, now in the hands of Major Slader, to be delivered to Major Chas. Eyton.

19. The Committee appointed to treat with the deputy from Bremen to meet him on Thursday next at 5 p.m. in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

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20. To write to the Militia Committee of London to send to the Ordnance officers for the use of the navy 100 demi-culverin shot, 2,227 sacker round shot, and 400 minion round shot, now in the magazine of the city. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 160–164.]

Aug. 2 ? **8.** Case of the Foreign Letter Office stated. The late King, 7 Charles, granted a patent (reciting former patents granting the inland post to Lord Stanhope, and the foreign to De Quester, and a report, on Stanhope's complaint of intrenchment into his office, that the two offices could stand together) to Wm. Frisell and Thos. Witherings, of the reversion of the office of foreign postmaster.

By an assignment Witherings became sole owner, and held the office till 1639, when it was sequestered by the King to Burlamachi. The next Parliament, 3 Feb. 1641, pronounced the sequestration illegal. Witherings assigned his interest to Robert Earl of Warwick, 15 Feb. 1642, and he reassigned it to Sir David Watkins and Rich. Pulley, deceased. Watkins granted his interest 10 Feb. 1650, to Wm. Ellis and Wm. Jessop, in trust for Thos. Witherings, and 900*l.* a year to be paid to Wm. Jessop and Benedict Moore, in trust for the creditors and children of Lord Rich, and the Earl of Warwick's interest is now determined.

Witherings makes a will, leaves Watkins his executor, and dies in 1651.

Since then the petitioners enjoyed the office till 30 June 1653, when Manley obtained it, although they had a reference only the night before to a Committee, to consider and report their case. [¾ *sheet.*]

Aug. 2. Portsmouth frigate, Sole Bay. **9.** Capt. Theop. Sacheverell to the Navy Commissioners. It has pleased God to deal very graciously, and to appear wonderfully for our fleet, engaged with the Hollanders on Friday the 29th ult., and Sunday the 31st. On the 28th, at 6 a.m., the General fired a gun, and loosed his foretopsail, and we all weighed from before the Texel, and stood off to sea. On the 29th at 6 a.m., the General bore away southward, and by noon we had land by us, and then discovered the Holland fleet standing N.W., and when they made us they tacked and stood away to the south. All the frigates made sail, and by 6 p.m. some 20 sail of us fought with them at a distance. We had 2 men killed that evening, and 5 or 6 wounded. By that time it was night, and the great ships coming up could do but little service. The Holland fleet was then 80 sail, and we both stood to the south all night; we had both our main and maintopmast shot through.

On the 30th it was wet and blowing hard; Tromp was in the lee of our fleet, but the General tacked, and all our fleet, and the Hollanders stood away, and outsailed us, and it was such bad weather that we could not engage. In the afternoon 30 or 40 more of their men-of-war from the Texel joined them, making 110 or 120 fighting ships. About 3 a.m. on the 31st, being fine, the Holland fleet stood after us, and our General thereupon tacked with all the fleet, and stood with them, and at 6.30 a.m. we engaged their

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whole fleet, charged through them, and cut off many; they fired three or four of their own fire-ships, but did us no harm. We again tacked about, and charged through them a second and third time, and the fight continued very hot, and was prosecuted with much vigour on both sides until 2 p.m., when the Hollanders stood away from us, with all the sail they could make, and we chased until night, when coming up we passed 30 or 30 broadsides more upon them, and sunk and burnt at least 20 of their ships, 2 of which were the Garland and Bonadventure, which they took from us last summer; they had 2 or 3 of their flag ships sunk, and it has pleased God to give us a full victory over them. We did not preserve one of their ships, but sunk all, but we have 600 or 700 prisoners; I believe 2,000 of their men were also sunk.

We had 2 men killed in this day's engagement, and 8 or 10 wounded, and received many shots through our ship, and some between wind and water. We have lost the Oak and the Hunter, and 500 or 600 men, and 6 or 7 captains, including Capt. Graves of the Andrew, and Capts. Taylor, Cox, and others, and 6 or 7 more captains are wounded and 500 or 600 seamen.

Our men were very courageous, and by the blessing of God, we were carried through the work, and made instrumental to spoil and scatter this proud enemy of ours, and to make him fly before us. Let the glory of all be given to our God, and let the instruments be encouraged somewhat according to their deserts. The fleet is now sailing for Sole Bay. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 2. The Phœnix Yarmouth.

10. Capt. Owen Cox to General Cromwell. Being near the Texel on the 29th ult., we discovered Tromp and his fleet of 80 sail, who had come from Flushing, and who came within two leagues of us; but when he saw that we also came on with undaunted spirits, their hearts failed them so much that they tacked about; but we ultimately forced them into a defenceable position, and our dispute continued until 8 p.m., when on account of the darkness we left him, intending to give him a breakfast next morning; but the wind and sea prevented our coming together. The day after, being Sunday, we begun the dispute about 6 a.m. until 3 p.m., they having the advantage of the wind; at the first encounter, we destroyed divers of their ships, amongst which was the Garland, which they took from us in a former engagement; as she had all her masts shot by the board, and was incapable of being brought home, we set her on fire, with some others of their ships. I judge they never received such a blow since they wrote themselves "High and Mighty," and desire that God may have the glory.

The Amsterdam squadron consisted of 30 sail, 26 men-of-war and 4 fire ships, which joined Tromp 14 hours before our last engagement, and made up his number to 110 fighting ships; but they were very thin before the sun went down, and I judge not half went over to Holland.

As for our own fleet, we have not lost one, but some are much torn, and have lost their masts, and many like myself are disabled for present service. I cannot give any account as to the loss of our men, save

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that the General had 16 slain the first day, and many wounded; we must however have lost many men in the last day's dispute, as it was very sharp for eight hours; as our want of seamen will be great, I desire your serious consideration therein, so that the General and the rest of the fleet may have a speedy supply. [1¼ *pages.*]

Aug. 2. The Tulip, coast of Holland. **11.** Capt. Joseph Cubitt to [Rob. Blackborne]. We have attended the Hollander upon his own coast since 3 June, save that most part of our fleet went to Sole, to put on shore our sick men. On 26 July, 28 sail appeared in sight about the Helder, we riding close by the Texel, by which we conceived Tromp was ready with his fleet at the Weilings. On the 28th, we weighed and got under sail, and the next day saw the Holland fleet of 84 sail which came from the Weilings; it presently gave way, but near Egmont some of ours and theirs interchanged shot. The wind blowing W.N.W. next day, we lay one by the other, they being nearer the shore than we, and not far from Gravesande, and that night their Texel fleet and his met and joined.

The 31st, the weather being fair, and both standing to sea, we tacked upon them, and went through their whole fleet, leaving part on one side and part on the other of us; and in passing through, we lamed several and sunk some. As soon as we had passed, we tacked upon them again, and they on us, and as we passed each other very near, we did very good execution on them, and some of their ships that had lost all their masts struck their colours, and put out a white handkerchief on a staff, and hauled in all their guns. My men were very desirous to go to them, there being two of them very close, but the fight being but then begun, I would not suffer it; they were fired by others after the fight was over.

As soon as we had passed each other, both tacked, the Hollander having still the wind, and we keeping close by, we passed very near, and did very great execution upon each other. In this bout we cut off some of his fleet, which could not weather us, and therefore forsook him, and some of them were sunk, and we had the Oak fired by one of their Branders. We again tacked upon them and they upon us, and in this bout we fought most desperately, almost at push of pike. A Flushinger was sunk close by the Victory. He intending to board the Victory, had entered three or four of his men with their pole-axes, but the Victory's carpenter's axe cut them down on the side of the ship.

Our General must needs have galled them very much this bout, as did all our ships, being constantly very near, and especially in this last charge, when two of their admirals came up close to the Resolution, and had much to do to weather her. At this time the very heavens were obscured by smoke; the air rent with the thundering noise; the sea all in a breach with the shot that fell; the ships even trembling, and we hearing everywhere the messengers of death flying about; 8 or 10 of the Dutch ships, not being able to weather us, forsook their fleet, so we tacked again upon them; but they, having had enough of it, and their heads towards Fatherland, thought it not safe to tack any more

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Aug. 2. and would willingly have gotten to the Maese or Goree; but we beset them to leeward, and stood after them half way. But it blowing contrary, and several of our ships being disabled, our General laid his head off, as did all our fleet; the Hollanders I think went for the Texel. This fight was not far from the Maese, and about 4 o'clock we saw Gravesande steeple. At 6 p.m. one of their vice-admirals, being ready to sink, bore to Capt. Pearse, and yielded, and the men were no sooner out than she sank, with some of our men in her, but her topmasts were above water. They had 112 sail when they begun, and we from 100 to 110, but some of ours were lying off the Flie. I cannot tell how many they have lost; I heard there were 14 sail sunk and burned, but at that time several captains had not given in their reports. Great care was taken that two should not report of one ship, and a report was not regarded without proof of its truth thereof. We recovered the Garland and fired her, but lost the Oak, a fire ship, and another.

I pray that God will make this mercy a further blessing to us, in procuring a good peace between us, who were friends so long formerly, and so useful one to the other, and that our nation may not be lifted up with successes, lest we be humbled by them, or some others at sea more contemptible than they are, whose pride, by prevailing against the Spaniard, has brought this evil upon them. I wish our nation may not cast off pity or forget the brotherly covenant (Amos I., 9, 11). Though we fight them hardly, if they fall into our hands, we use them friendly, and afford them the same allowance that our men have.

In this fight Providence cast me the three last bouts close under our General's stern, being weaved to follow him, which I did very closely; and in the smoke, touched him gently, but soon backed astern again. At our first coming up, within 10 shot our clerk of the check was killed close by me, by a shot in the head, and my suit and hat spoiled with his brains and blood, but I did not lose any other man after, although I have six slightly wounded, and was in the midst of the fight, and received 30 great shots in my hull, and had my sails much torn, rigging cut, and a dozen shot between wind and water.

After the fourth bout, I lay by the lee to stop leaks, and got up to the General again about sunset; when he, seeing little hopes of getting up with the Dutch admiral and fleet, lay off to sea. Our flag-ship, the Rainbow, had also to lay by the lee, to stop her leaks; our carpenter was very earnest with me to stop one in my ship, which was 4 feet under water, and kept the pump constantly going, so I again had to lay by.

As the ship is very much disabled, and no longer fit for sea, I hope I now may, without any injury to my well wishers, take leave of the service, having been in it these three engagements, and constantly at sea (the stopping of my leaks at Portsmouth excepted—a time able to make sound men sick) and especially as I hope there will be but little occasion now for men, the State having plenty of commanders. This ship has the worst accommodation for a captain of any in the fleet, goes the worst, and is constantly in a leaky state; if I may reap the benefit of a peace, it will be time well employed. Recommend me to Mr. Manton and Mr. Arnolt. [3¾ *pages.*]

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Aug. 3. Order in Parliament on Col. Montague's report from the Council of State of a letter from Gen. Monk, from aboard the Resolution off Camperdown, of July 31st;

That the Council of State take especial care for providing necessaries for the sick and wounded soldiers and seamen, wherever they are put on shore, and take care of the widows and orphans of the slain.

That the Council of State signify to cos. Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk the thanks of Parliament for their care of the sick and wounded put ashore there. [*I.* 90, *p.* 13. *Commons' Journal VII., p.* 294.]

Aug. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Lord President to present to Parliament the letter from Gen. Monk.

3. The Admiralty Committee to take care for the accommodation of the sick and wounded in the late fight at sea, as referred by Parliament to the Council of State.

4. Col. Ant. Stapley to call before him Wm. Randall, miller, and examine the truth of a complaint against him for wilfully turning away the water from Mr. Powell's iron mill; and if he see cause, to send him in custody to Council.

6. The Committee for the House to assign to Major-Gen. Desborow a coach-house at the Mews, to Sir Chas. Wolsley a stable and coach-house, and to Sir Ant. A. Cooper a stable and coach-house.

8, **12.** Order on report from the Admiralty Committee, that Valentine Tatnell be appointed captain of the Rose Bush prize; the Generals of the fleet to commissionate him.

9. The Admiralty Committee to have power to grant licences to such persons as they think fit, to import commodities necessary for the shipping of the nation.

10. The petition of Capt. Thos. Penrose referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

11. The petition of Barbara, widow of John Hammond, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to give her further relief if they think fit.

13. The petition of Jas. Lockhart referred to the Admiralty Court.

14. The Committee for Whitehall to assign Mr. Rouse's lodgings there to Mr. Nest and Mr. Crofts.

15. The order for the enlarging of the Earl of Cleveland out of the Tower suspended until further order.

16. A letter to be drawn up, as ordered by Parliament, to the gentlemen of Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk, taking notice of their readiness to make provision for the sick and wounded sent there from the fleet, thanking them from Parliament, and desiring them to continue their care towards those wounded that may be sent from the last fight.

17. The report from the Committee for the postage of letters to be reassumed to-morrow.

18, **13.** The petition of Rich. Hughes referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 165–169.]

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Aug. 3. **14.** Order by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, on order of the Admiralty Committee of 1 August, that Capts. John Blackwell and Rich. Deane pay 30,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson for the navy, to be issued on warrants of the Navy Commissioners. Receipted 9 August. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Aug. 3. The Resolution, 15 leagues off Lowestoft. **15.** General Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. We hope to get into Southwold Bay in two days, and hope you are preparing a supply for us. We shall much want 900 men, 500 seamen and the rest soldiers, our wounded and sick men being many, besides those who were killed. I much wonder the 12 ships have not arrived out of the river, and desire they may be hastened away. I have written to the bailiffs of Yarmouth to send off as many boats and other vessels as will take in 600 wounded men, and to the Collectors of Prize Goods there to pay such money as the bailiffs require to defray the charges, so that they may be the better provided, as is fit for men in their condition. This I desire you will second, that it may be the more effectual.

There has been such a daily complaint of the beer, which proves very defective, that if we had not fought the Dutch so suddenly, we should have been forced to come off the coast without doing anything; I therefore desire a considerable quantity may be sent down, and special regard had to its goodness; as for want thereof the service has already suffered very much. We also want ammunition, canvas, and old junk. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 3. The Sophia, Sole Bay. **16.** Thomas Orton, clerk of the check, to the Navy Commissioners. We have caused our enemy to fly before us, besides what remains of them in the sea, which we sunk and fired. We retook the Garland and fired her, and General Monk fought stoutly and nobly, as did also all our fleet. We are much shattered in the hull, masts, and yards, but had only 1 man killed right out, and 4 others shot, and 5 splintered; for this mercy we are bound to the Lord, as we fought board and board with our enemies. Although they had 5 admirals in the morning, there was but one left at night, when they ran away.

If we had got up to their fleet the fifth time, we intended to charge them through again, so that they would never have got home, and it is thought that after they left us, some of them went down. I send the muster books, and am coming in to repair. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 3. The Recovery, Yarmouth Road. **17.** Capt. Jas. Bamford to the Admiralty Commissioners. I left the General and fleet on Sunday, 31 July, in pursuit of the Holland fleet, with whom we were engaged in a very hot dispute from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., in which time divers ships of both parties were lost, and the enemy ultimately turned back, and fled before the wind, and our General and fleet after them. We followed, but having had our mainmast shot overboard, could not keep up, and meeting the Exeter Merchant who was in the same condition, we made what sail we could for our own coast, our ship being also very leaky, by divers great shots received between wind and water. We had 10 men slain and 15 wounded. [¾ *page.*]

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Aug. 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **18.** Order on the petition of several ship masters whose ships and goods were taken by the King of Denmark, that the part of it relating to their losses be considered when there shall be a treaty made with that King, and the part relating to employment for them be considered by the Admiralty Committee.

2. Order on petition of Thos. Ramsey, that Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, Col. Tomlinson, Williams, and Brooghton be a Committee to examine him concerning his coming over to England, and report. The same persons also appointed a Committee to examine such persons as shall be informed to be Romish priests, and report.

3. The paper from Lord Lagerfeldt referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider it to-morrow, confer with such merchants as they think fit, and report what answer is fit to be given.

4. Richard Ford, Thos. Corbet, and Thos. Skinner to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs sitting in the Council Chamber, to-morrow at 8 a.m.

5, 7. William Mowbray to be committed to the custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, to be forthcoming to answer his abuse of a warrant from Council; and Desborow, Hewson, and Wolsley to be a Committee to examine the complaint against him, of taking money to forbear the execution of a warrant committed to his care.

6. Robt. Coytmor to be restored to his place of prothonotary of cos. Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, in Wales, unless cause to the contrary be shown within a week.

8. The paper from the agent of Emden to be considered to-morrow.

9. Wm. Spittlehouse confirmed in his place of keeper of the orchard, with the former allowance.

10. The order made yesterday for putting Mr. Nest and Mr. Crofts into Mr. Rouse's lodgings in Whitehall vacated; and the lodgings to be assigned to Col. Rouse by the Whitehall Committee.

11, 12. The petition of Gregory Barnet, John Butt, Thos. Gipp, Philip Reading, John Collins, John Reade, Henry Morgan, Gabriel Anchor, and William Coward referred to the Navy Commissioners; also the petition of Jane Fluyt.

13, 15. The petition of Sam. Gibbs, referred to the 2 justices of the peace near Quenden; and that of Robt. Smith, minister at Bruton Ralph, co. Somerset, to the 2 next justices of the peace, to see them continued in their parishes, according to former orders.

14. That of Capt. John Lloyd recommended to the Committee of Parliament for the Poor.

16. Order on petition of Lancelot Emott, for himself and others, that Mr. Fauconbridge adjust their accounts, and report them to Council.

17. The petition of George Billinghurst referred to the same Committee as Mr. Coytmor's.

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19. Major Wade approved of to be Governor of the Isle of Man, with civil and military authority.

20. Major Wade and Capt. Cadwell's companies of the regiment of Sir Wm. Constable appointed a guard for that island.

21. 10*s.* a day to be allowed to Major Wade, over and above his pay his captain.

22. All places there, civil and military, that are or shall be vacant by reason of the unfitness of the incumbent, to be supplied by the Governor; and where the salaries of civil officers be insufficient for their maintenance, he may appoint such officers of the forces for the execution thereof as he thinks fit.

23. The pay for the guards of the island to be paid every two or three months, and charged upon the most solvent counties of England next adjacent, and the Army Committee to be written to for that purpose.

24. Lord Fairfax to be acquainted with the resolution of Council, and their approbation of Major Wade, and desired to empower him accordingly. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 171–176.]

Aug. 4. The Resolution, six leagues off Yarmouth.

19. General Geo. Monck to the Admiralty Committee. As there are many of our great ships and frigates much disabled in their masts and yards, I desire you will send down as many as you can, and also send some of your members to confer with me and the chief officers of the fleet; this would put much life into affairs here.

I have received a letter from the widow of Capt. Jno. Vesey, slain in the service not long since, and if what is stated therein is true, the loss of her husband must needs be a great affliction to her, having six small children; I hope such relief may be appointed as will answer her great charge, and afford her some comfort.

I am desired by my partner, Blake, to recommend Capt. Adams for the command of one of the fourth rate frigates now building. Pray appoint some fit person to take charge of the prisoners, that they may not be suffered to go away at their pleasure, as we have lately taken 30 that were going to Holland in a small vessel. Let Dr. Whistler be sent down to look after the wounded men. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **20.** Order on petition of James Wych, merchant of London, that the Admiralty Committee examine what guns and other provisions Capt. Badiley had from the ship Relief in the Straits, and to what value, and report.

2. The report concerning Guernsey to be considered next Monday; meantime Col. Sydenham is to speak with the parties concerned as to the matter of the report, and acquaint Council with what he receives when the report shall be made.

3. Liberty to be given to Mr. Frost to go into the country on special occasion for one week, to begin next Monday.

4. The petition of John Best referred to the Navy Commissioners to inquire into his condition and report.

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5. Order on petition of John Edisbury, that Courtney, St. Nicholas, and Williams hear him next Monday in the great chamber adjoining the Council Chamber, and report.

8. Mr. Rowe to give notice to the Irish and Scotch Committee, the Army Committee, and a Committee of Council, to meet to-morrow at 8 a.m. concerning a business of importance.

9. Howard, Moyer, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to repair to the above-named meeting, to acquaint them with Col. Lilburne's letter concerning the great want of money for the forces in Scotland; to represent the importance of their being speedily supplied; and to desire them to order a speedy supply, and to report in the afternoon what they think fit to be done, and what answer shall be returned to Col. Lilburne.

10, 11. The Whitehall Committee to assign to Mr. Draper a stable and to Capt. Howard a coach-house in the Mews.

12. Mr. Courtney and Capt. Williams added to Mr. Moyer in making the report to Parliament of the case of Mr. Phillips.

13. Council to meet to morrow at 8 a.m.

14. The petition of Rich. Carter referred to Broughton and Courtney, to report.

15. The petition of Capt. Hen. Mason referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to see the letter from Weymouth, and report.

16. That of the officers and soldiers under Col. Edmund Syler, late Governor of Boston, referred to the Army Committee, who are to send a copy to Col. Walton requiring him to give an account thereof within a month, and to report what they do to Council.

17. Order on petition of Mary Pattison, widow, that the Committee for Compounding see that the money ordered by Parliament April 13th, 1652, out of the receipts of Haberdashers' Hall, be paid out of the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall. [*Also G.* 112, *p.* 665.]

18. **21.** The letter from the Navy Commissioners concerning Joan Gilbert, dated August 2nd, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

19. Courtney, Howard, Pickering, and Hewson to be a Committee to consider the condition of the Earl of Kildare and Sir Arthur Loftus, and report what should be done for their relief. Also to consider what other persons may be enabled to go over into Ireland, and report their names, and what is fit to be done for them.

20. The petition of divers officers and soldiers of Major Gen. Lambert's regiment referred to the Army Committee, to report. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 178–183.]

Aug. 5. Ipswich. **22.** Thomas Burton and four other surgeons to the Wardens of the Company of Surgeons. There being a fresh engagement between our fleet and the Hollanders, and 700 of our men being wounded, we desire you to move the Navy Commissioners for recruiting the chests; not less than 3 will serve our turn, which ought to be furnished with medicines of all sorts, to the amount of 20*l.* each at the least, as the work will be so great. [⅔ *page.*]

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1. **23.** The ships which were in the Venetian service, and were taken in the Straits for the service of the commonwealth, to be paid off to the time of their dismissal by the Admiralty Committee.

2. The Committee for Inspections to bring in an estimate of the sums charged on any of the treasuries for the navy, from 15 July, to 31 December, and a like estimate of what sums will be paid by the last of December next.

3. The Lord General to be desired to send, out of what forces he thinks fit, 400 soldiers for the fleet.

4, 31. Mr. Strickland to request Parliament that, in regard to the pressing occasions for sending land soldiers to the fleet, the regiments of Sir Wm. Constable and Cols. Ingoldsby, Goffe, and Pride may be recruited to the number of 1,000 men for 3 months.

5. The business of appointing the next winter's guard to be considered next Monday. The members in town to attend.

7. To write to the General of the fleet to send up Evertsen, and such other Dutch captains as are or shall be discovered, in safe custody, to be disposed as Council shall direct.

8. The Committee for Prisoners to consider where the Dutch prisoners taken in the late engagement may be safely disposed, and report speedily.

9. Carew and Kelsey to be a Committee to go down to the fleet next Monday; and Moyer, Strickland, and Tichborne to be a Committee to meet with the Admiralty Committee to prepare instructions, and report this afternoon.

10. Commissary-Generals Whalley and Reynolds, and Col. Philip Twisleton added to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

11. Moyer and Tichborne to be a Committee to speak with the Admiralty Committee, for the speedy providing and despatching of 200 barrels of powder for Scotland.

12. Howard, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to meet the Irish and Scotch Committee this afternoon, to prepare the letter to be written by Council to Col. Lilburne, stating the business of the supplies of money &c. for Scotland; and to report this afternoon.

16. The remonstrance of Capt. Hen. Appleton referred to the Admiralty Committee, to hear both parties and report.

17. The Whitehall Committee to take care to accommodate Mr. Nest and Capt. Crofts with the first disposeable lodgings.

18, 19. The Whitehall Committee to dispose of the house now in possession of Serjeant Birkett in Westminster to the use of such members of Parliament as want lodgings, unless he show cause to the contrary within eight days. Also of Mr. Cuthbert's house.

20. Tichborne and Moyer to report what Council shall do about 200 barrels of powder for the service of Scotland.

21, **24.** The petition of Elizabeth, widow of Hugh Whitehead, mariner, slain in the service, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to grant her the usual relief.

23. Hen. Symball to have 50*l.* because he was on board the Admiral's ship in the late engagement of 31 July near Camperdown,

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and brought the good news of the happy victory gained upon the Dutch that day; to be paid from Council's contingencies.

24. Moyer and Courtney to report to Parliament that 2 gold chains worth 300*l.* each be given to Col. Blake and Gen. Monk, and chains worth 100*l.* each to Vice-Admiral Penn and Rear-Admiral Lawson, as a mark of favour for their services against the Dutch.

26. The petition of Sam. Law, cutler, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

27, 32. **24**a, **25.** Those of Abraham Brown, mariner, and of Eliz. Cook, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

29. Cooper, Courtney, Moyer, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to consider Capt. George Bishop's petition, and report.

30. The Ordnance Committee to meet on Monday, to consider for supplying Col. Lilburne with things necessary for taking the field.

33. Col. Hewson to recommend to the Irish and Scotch Committee the letter from Lt.-Gen. Fleetwood to the Lord General, dated July 28th last, concerning some officers of Lord Broghill's regiment now disbanded, that it may be reported to Parliament with their report of other Irish disbanded officers. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 184–191.]

Aug 6. The Resolution, Southwold Bay. **26.** General Monk to the Admiralty Committee. I have received the victualler's estimate about the beer and water coming to the fleet, which we much want, not so much by the shortness of beer as its defectiveness; for though a double proportion were sent, yet if the goodness does not answer the quantity, it is as much as if we were in want by shortness, and we have still great cause of complaint, having suffered very much by it. Let the beer now to be sent be wholesome, and fit for men to drink.

None of the ships you mention are with us except the Amity, and it is supposed that, having missed us, they have gone to the coast of Holland. The fleet has arrived in Southwold Bay, and all means will be used to refit the ships for service; hasten down what powder, shot, masts, and other stores you can. There are several ships so disabled by the late engagement that I shall be forced to send them to Chatham for repairs, and I hope care will be taken for their refitting.

P.S.—Masts are much wanted, and nothing can be done till they come. I will send out soon a party of frigates, which at this season will do more execution than the whole fleet might do. [1¾ *pages.*]

Aug. 7. The Defence, Aldborough Bay. **27.** Jonathan Taylor to the Navy Commissioners. I showed your letter to the General, and desired to be tried thereon by a council of war, which he agreed to, and referred it to Capt. Joseph Jordaine, Vice-admiral of the Blue, and his division; the business had been ended ere now but that our late engagement with the enemy prevented it. On the 2nd instant, I and my accuser were before Council, respecting the concealment of the 18 barrels of powder. It was concealed, but it was by my gunner, and I was the first to discover

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and complain of it. As to the making of false tickets after the last engagement, I only made one for Hum. Balte, and his boy, whom I met at Harwich, and forced on board to act as a pilot, and could not reward him. Details of the case.

As to my accuser, he has done all the things of which he accuses me, and the pit that he digged for another he has fallen into himself. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 7. The John and Katherine, Sole Bay. **28.** Capt. Jno. Tarrant to the Navy Commissioners. I send two muster books. I have put 6 sick men on shore at Harwich for Ipswich. On the 29th ultimo, at 4 p.m., our fleet engaged with the enemy, and fought until 8 p.m., doing them much damage. On the 30th the enemy had the weather gauge of our fleet, and the wind and sea being rough, they did a little scrimmage with some part of our ships for an hour, and then left. On the 31st our fleet met and fought the enemy until 4 or 5 p.m., and afterwards chased them, and sunk and burnt 40 sail out of 110 at least, and many of their admirals and vice-admirals were sunk. Our loss has been two ships, the Oak and a fire-ship, six captains, and one vice-admiral. Our ship lost two men, and two were wounded. William Colman, who had his right leg shot off, and Isaac Salter, shot in the shoulder, have been sent to Yarmouth. We have 6 or 7 sick, who will be provided for when we arrive at Yarmouth, and 30 prisoners taken from the Hannibal. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order of restraint laid on the revenue to be taken off by Thos. Fauconberg as to the 176*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*, due to Lancelot Emott.

3. The state of Mr. Scott's account for intelligence, ending 1 June last, being reported by the Committee for examining it, the balance of 530*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* due to him, is to paid out of Council's contingencies.

4. **29.** The Admiralty Committee to take care to send down to the fleet such provisions as were desired by Gen. Monk in his letter.

5. Sir Gilbert Pickering to present to Parliament the proposals made by the Commissioners of Scotland.

6. The letter prepared by the former Council, for recalling Sir Thomas Bendish from Constantinople, and appointing Major Lawrence to go agent thither, to be brought in on Wednesday.

7. The Committee for Dutch prizes to give an account in writing, by Friday next, of what Danish ships are in any of the ports of this Commonwealth.

8. The Admiralty Court at Leith to sell the Danish ships mentioned in their letter of 2 August, and keep a distinct account of the proceeds.

9. The part of the same letter concerning Emden referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider the state of the town in reference to the Dutch, to speak with the Advocate of the commonwealth, and those that address hither in behalf of the town, and report.

10. The Admiralty Committee to prepare instructions to a select Committee to take care of sick and wounded seamen, and report; also to nominate fit persons to be employed in that service.

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Aug. 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

12. The paper of the Portuguese Ambassador referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider of an answer, and speak with some of the merchants concerned.

13. Mr. Shute, and some other Portuguese merchants, who demand reparation, to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs to-morrow at 7 a.m.

14. Capt. Howard to present to Parliament the petition of the subscribers, on behalf of themselves and others of the reduced officers and soldiers.

15. The 60*l.* given by Col. Fitch's regiment in Scotland for the seamen in the fight with the Dutch 2 and 3 June, and their widows and children, to be paid to Mr. Blackborne, and by him to the Generals of the fleet for distribution.

16. The ships Katherine and Elizabeth and Gabriel, made stay of in the river by the Commissioners of Prize Goods, to be sold to Adam Jennings at the price appraised by the said Commissioners.

17. Major-Gen. Desborow and Col. Sydenham to write to their officers in the West concerning the paper read this afternoon, that they be very inquisitive to discover the authors of this or any other disturbances, and apprehend and send them to London.

18, 19. Mr. Attorney-General and Recorder of London, and the Lord Mayor, to come to Council at 9 a.m. to-morrow morning.

20. Council to sit at 8 a.m.

21. Capt. Howard to present to the Committee of Parliament for petitions the petition of Col. Devereux and others, that if they think fit, they may present it to Parliament.

22. Capt. Howard to present to Parliament the petition of the Earl of Leven.

23. Mr. Moyer to report to Parliament that four gold chains of 40*l.* be given to the four flag officers for service in the late engagement, and that the money to be laid out in these chains, and in those to the Generals and vice and rear-admirals, be raised to 2,000*l.*, to be given in medals amongst the other fleet officers, by advice of the Generals. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 194–8.]

Aug. 8. The Resolution, Aldborough Road.

30. Gen. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. I have received the account of provisions coming down to us, and should be glad if they had arrived, and especially the masts for the frigates, as for want thereof nothing can be done. We also require 20 more fishes, and as much powder and shot as you can provide; although there are 1,000 barrels of powder and 70 or 80 tons of shot now coming to us, which appears a considerable quantity in itself, it will hardly be seen in such a fleet as this is, when the greatest part of what we had was spent in the late engagement, and some have little or none left.

I much wonder that the remainder of those ships coming out of the river are not arrived, and a supply of seamen is of great concernment. Dr. Whistler has come down, and I have sent him to look after the sick and wounded men at Harwich, Ipswich, Southwold, Dunwich, and Yarmouth. Some surgeons are also come down and

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disposed of for the service. Some of your number coming down will be very welcome to the chief officers, and I will then make known our wants. [1¼ *pages.*]

Aug. 8. Portsmouth. **31.** Thomas Newberry to the Ordnance officers. I went to Col. Stapley into Sussex, to treat with the iron masters there for making great shot; but he knew nothing of the business, and had to be advised by me. There are several iron masters who would probably make some if contracted with. I went to Mr. Farrenden's, 60 miles from my home, but he says he has no water at present; he could make 100 tons by March, but would not deliver it further from his furnace than Hastings or Rye, and his lowest price was 13*l.* 10*s.* per ton. Mr. Everden of Lewes, Mr. Akehurst of Warbleton, and some others having iron mills also want water, and when they have it, will ascertain how much they can make, contract for a considerable quantity, and deliver it in March; but none will deliver it any further from the furnaces than the waterside edge.

Walter Burrell has set his furnace at work for casting shot, and he demands 14*l.* per ton to be delivered at the Tower; he expects to hear from you, so I enclose his note of directions. I found Mr. Stendwick's men casting shot, and there is 15 tons ready; he will cast 5 tons weekly, and provide 100 tons by the end of November, as he is about employing another furnace. Mr. Yalden of Blackdown has a stock of metal and water, and may send a quantity of shot to Portsmouth, only he is straitened for workmen at present.

As the last week was wet, it is probable that some of them may be furnished with water soon. I offered Mr. Burrell 12*l.* per ton, but conceive he will not take less than 13*l.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 8. Dover. **32.** Abraham Stock to Edw. Marston. I know this new representative, being but [y]et in a beginning, must needs cause great trouble to those that have business with them, things not being yet altogether settled. Thanks for your mindfulness of my poor business; I beg you will move it to our Major or others; also get me a license to import 100 tuns or more of French wine. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 8. Leghorn. **33.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. The four Dutch men-of-war which sailed towards Cadiz with the Harry Bonadventure returned into port two days since, on the plea of contrary winds and foul weather; but we hear their men, who are composed of many nations, are in a mutinous condition—what with their bad news from home, their long being abroad, ill diet, and want of money and clothes—and I am confident, upon the appearance of a squadron of your ships, they would not strike a stroke. The Dutch ship from Smyrna [*see* 1 *Aug.*] has also come in, and is far richer than I advised, as she has 500 bales of silk and grograine yarn, worth 150*l.* each. This ship passing by Trapani, where the Harry and her prize were taken, came to an anchor, and the master going on shore, was imprisoned by the Governor for three days, so as to force him to bring his ship under command, and

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thereby get reparation for the violence committed in that port by the Dutch. So you may see the Spaniard is conscious that he is liable to make good what was thus taken from him under his castle, and I conceive, if the business be effectually charged upon the Ambassador at home, satisfaction will easily be had, and the Spaniard can right himself when he pleases on that nation.

The goods out of the prize are landed here, and in a few days will be exposed to sale, but much has been embezzled, and there is not half of what was in her when taken.

It is reported by the Dutch that this port is to be the rendezvous for their ships of war all this winter, and it would be very seasonable if our State could recover the Leopard, and repair their honour and damage. With copy of his letter of 1 Aug. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 8. Whitehall. Council of State to the postmasters on the road to Yarmouth. The fleet being on the northern coast, the service requires a readiness in expediting letters and despatching messengers; therefore whilst it remains there, you are always to have ready in the stables a convenient number of able and sufficient post-horses, and if needful, to impress other horses for sending forward letters and messengers; all constables and civil officers to assist you herein. [*I.* 70, *p.* 199.]

Aug. 9. **34.** Petition of Row. Wilson and 18 other merchants trading to Spain and Portugal to the Council of State. We have several ships in the Downs, now ready to depart from Gravesend, with English manufactures worth 300,000*l.*; but we hear from those parts that young Tromp is not far from thence, with a squadron of ships, which we think is lying in wait to surprise us; they know our usual time of setting forth, because the wines and fruits of those countries which we go to fetch will be spoiled if not timely brought away, and their customs and excise bring much profit to the nation. We therefore beg a convoy. 19 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 9. **35.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, meantime ships bound to those parts are not to proceed on their voyage, in respect of the dangers mentioned. [*I.* 90, *p.* 200.]

Aug. 9. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Alexander Gallico, merchant of Leghorn, referred to the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes, to state the proceedings both in the Admiralty Court and by themselves, concerning the ship's goods named therein.

2. To order Capt. Godfrey, commander of the Warwick frigate, now in the Downs, to sail to the fleet in Southwold Bay, to receive orders from the Generals.

4. The master of a ship said to be of Bremen, carried prisoner in Faversham, to be set at liberty to come to London, to prosecute his claim to the ship.

5. Tomlinson and Lawrence to speak with Mr. Carew Harvey Mildmay, on the report from the Irish and Scotch Committee of the 4th instant.

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Aug. 9. Council of State. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

6. The case between Peter and Tunis Harmans, and Capt. Wood, commander of a private man-of-war, to be left to the Admiralty Court.

7. Col. Tomlinson to move Parliament that the several papers presented by Wm. Thompson and Gilbert Mabbott, on behalf of Edinburgh and Leith, be referred to the special and speedy consideration of the Committee of Parliament for Scotland.

8. Col. Alexander Macdonnell to be discharged from imprisonment, on security to deliver himself within two months to the General or Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland, to be there set at liberty unless there be cause found to the contrary.

9. The two companies now in the Tower to be raised to the number of 100 men each, for the guard of the Tower for three months; the Lieutenant of the Tower to take care that it be done.

10. The Ordnance officers to order that the Lieutenant of the Tower have such great guns as he thinks necessary for its defence, and also to deliver him such carriages, stores, &c. as shall be needful.

11. Mr. Moyer to move Parliament, that a High Court of Justice be erected, in consideration of the daily intelligence of designs on behalf of Charles Stuart, in which many considerable persons are engaged, some whereof are ordered to be apprehended.

12. On report from the Committee for Prisoners, concerning the disposing of the Dutch prisoners, they are to consider of some fit place about Yarmouth or Harwich, it being inconvenient to bring them all hither.

13. The petition of Richard Browne, with the order annexed, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

14. To write to the Governor of Sutton's Hospital, recommending John Brest, master of the Sampson, for the first vacant place.

15. The petition of John Hartley, on behalf of himself and other inhabitants of Manchester, referred to St. Nicholas and Courtney, to examine, speak with Lieut.-Col. Worsley, and report.

16. The letter from John Pley of Weymouth of 2 July, concerning some miscarriages of Capt. Mason, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider when they consider Capt. Mason's petition, and report.

17. The letter from the Committee of Trinity House of 6 August, with other papers concerning the altering of the Southward Channel, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report with speed.

18. **36.** Dr. Walker to come to the Committee for Foreign Affairs next Thursday, about the trial of Balthazar the pirate, prisoner in Newgate.

19. Order on petition of Charles Earl of Nottingham,—for continuance of a pension of 500*l.* a year, ordered him by the late Parliament out of the Customs, to be paid by warrant of the Navy Committee,—that in King James' time, in consideration of the services of Lord Admiral Nottingham, the Earl's father, several pensions were granted to the family, including one to the present Earl of 300*l.* a year till 14 years old, then of 1,000 marks, and 500*l.* more if he survived his

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father; the late Parliament, in lieu of the two latter, granted him 500*l.* a year on Goldsmiths' Hall and 500*l.* on the Customs; the first he has received, but not the second, because it was to issue on warrant of the Navy Committee which is not sitting; therefore Mr. Broughton is to request the direction of Parliament thereon.

20. Mr. St. Nicholas to represent to Parliament the proposals of Capt. Peter Pryaulx, George Gregory, and George Thompson, merchants of Southampton, and also the letter from Col. Norton and Richard Mayor of 27 June, concerning the discovery of a coal mine in the New Forest, co. Hants, for their direction therein.

21. **37.** Col. Hewson to represent to Parliament the case of Michael Castel, merchant, for their direction concerning the sum mentioned, which Council, on examination, finds to be a real debt of the commonwealth.

22. Order on petition of Commissary Hewling, that Auditor-Gen. John Thomson in Scotland certify the accounts for provisions received or sold by him; that a letter be written to Col. Lilburne, as Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, desiring him to order the Auditor-General to make allowance to Hewling for such salary as he shall allow him from the date of the commission, and to discharge his account, unless he find cause to the contrary, which he is to certify to Council. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 200–204.]

Aug. 10. Order in Parliament that a High Court of Justice be erected for trial of offenders against the commonwealth. The Council of State to bring in an Act to-morrow morning, with the names of Commissioners to be inserted.

The Council of State to give order for the payment of the salaries of the Commissioners from Scotland, in order to their dismissal. [*I.* 90, *p.* 14. *Commons' Journal, VII., pp.* 297, 298.]

Aug. 10. **38.** Petition of Thos. Lambe and Nath. Manton, for themselves and other French merchants, to the Council of State, for the use of two frigates to go from Portsmouth to St. Malo, and convoy home two ships laden with canvas for the use of the State, there being three private men-of-war lying at the cape, waiting to seize them, which have already taken two small west country vessels laden with tin, &c. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 10. **39.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to consider how a convoy may be appointed to bring home the ships. [½ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 208.]

Aug. 10. **40.** Petition of the surveyors and other officers of Dover harbour to the Council of State. The Generals, vice-admirals, and captains of ships of war riding at anchor in the Downs, have of late years written to the Mayor and jurats of Dover for beach for ballast to be sent to ships out of the harbour, but it has lately been discovered that the taking away of the beach has much prejudiced the harbour, and is ruining the works, whence the beach has departed, and is not likely to return. Beg an order to the said commanders to take in their ballast elsewhere. 6 signatures. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 10. Whitehall. **41.** Reference of the preceding petition to the Admiralty Committee, to report. [*Also 1.* 70, p. 208.]

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2. The Mayor of Exeter and Col. Copellston, justice of the peace co. Devon, to examine the information contained in Mr. Radden's letter of August 9, concerning Geo. Glanfield, constable of Heamstead, making stay of the post-boy sent with public expresses on the Lord's day, and forcing him to pay 10*s.*; and if true, to desire him to repay the 10*s.*, and forbear such actions for the future.

3. The Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to inform Council of the state of the Excise, as to the time of its continuance.

4. To write to the Militia Commissioners and the Treasurer of Norfolk, to send 100 barrels of powder to Yarmouth, to be disposed of according to order of the Generals, or the Admiralty Committee. The Ordnance officers to make out a debenture for the same at reasonable rates, to be paid by the Navy Treasurer, with the charge for transporting.

8. **42.** The Admiralty Committee to appoint a convoy for bringing the East India, Barbadoes, and other merchant ships at Plymouth, to London.

9. St. Nicholas, Moyer, and Tichborne to be a Committee to prepare a draft Act for erecting a High Court of Justice for the trial of offenders against the commonwealth, according to an order of Parliament of August 10.

11. The two months' liberty granted to Sir John Winter to be enlarged two months longer, upon bail of 10,000*l.* himself, and 5,000*l.* each two sureties, to be taken by the Lieutenant of the Tower.

13. The arrears of the camparts unpaid to the State in Guernsey, mentioned in the report of Col. Bingham, Mr. Holland, and Col. Goffe, to be discharged and not demanded in future. Col. Sydenham to present the other part of the report to Parliament, for their direction.

14. The Governor of Landguard Fort to take care that two old forts in Harwich be demolished, and the guns there removed to Landguard Fort.

15. The answer to the paper of Lord Lagerfeldt, Swedish minister, of August 3, to be translated into Latin, and given him by the Committee of Council at 4 p.m. to-morrow. Fleming to give him notice.

16. Order on petition of Geo. Billinghurst, concerning the office of prothonotary of cos. Carmarthen, Cardigan, and Pembroke, that Mr. Coytmor be continued in that office, and the patent granted to Billinghurst delivered up to the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal.

17–19. Some person to be sent as Ambassador extraordinary to the Queen of Sweden with speed, his nomination considered to-morrow at 7 a.m., and members of Council then to attend, upon an extraordinary occasion.

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20. The Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries to meet every day, and apply themselves diligently to the trust reposed in them.

21. 10*l.* to be given to widow Bradshaw from Council's contingencies, there being a large sum due to her from the State, and she and her late husband having been at great charges in maintaining soldiers.

22. The remonstrance of Henry Appleton referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 206–210.]

Aug. 11. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Ant. Mildmay referred to Wolsley, Lawrence, and Broughton, to consider the persons expressed in the list sent by Mr. Falconbridge as having money due to them from the revenue, and report how far the restraint upon that receipt is fit to be continued.

2. The petition of Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Dodd, citizen and merchant tailor of London, referred to the Committee of Ely House.

3. Council to meet at 7 a.m. to-morrow, and Mr. Attorney-General to attend.

4, 5. The Attorney of the duchy and Mr. Graves to assist the Attorney-General upon the trial of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, and be present at the sessions on behalf of the State, during the trial.

6. Ald. Tichborne to present to Parliament the letters and papers written to Sir Thomas Bendish, recalling him from his employment at Constantinople, and those to the Grand Seignor and Grand Vizier, signifying the same. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 211–212.]

Aug. 11. Aldborough. **43.** Jno. Carew and Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey to the Admiralty Committee. We went on board the Resolution, and communicated to the General and officers the resolutions of Parliament on their faithfulness and courage in the late engagement. The damage done to the fleet is greater than was apprehended, and unless very extraordinary diligence is used in despatching provisions and stores, many ships will remain useless; the merchant ships in the service require replenishing; their owners should send down supplies.

We have taken up 2,000*l.* of Thos. Weekes, agent to the Army Committee for Suffolk, for discharging the quarters of the sick and wounded sent in, and hope his bill on the Treasurer of the Navy for the amount will be paid. We hope you have procured Council's order for the powder in Norfolk, as it is much wanted. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 11. London. **44.** Jas. Allestrye to Lord Conway. I received your letter, and enclose a list of 22 Latin and Italian books forwarded, with their prices, amounting to 7*l.* 9*s.*, and will send to the carrier for the 6*s.* Noted that 50*s.* was paid on account. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 12. Order that the Council of State cause the declaration for a thanksgiving to be published in the several counties. [*I.* 90, *p.* 15. *Commons' Journal, VII., p.* 299.]

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Aug. 12. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Sydenham to move Parliament to consider the business of the Excise, the Act concerning the receipt expiring 29 September next.

2. Mr. Lawrence to present to Parliament the petition of Thos. Dalton, John Burton, Sam. Sureties, Thos. Bridges, Sam. Jewell, and Margaret May, widow, of St. Albans, Herts, with the general concernment of like cases.

3. **45.** The receipt from prize goods to be reserved to the use of the navy, and nothing to be charged upon it except for that business, and those charges to be by way of the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries.

4. Council to meet at 3 p.m. on a very important business; the messengers to speak to every member to that purpose.

7. To write to the Committee at Trinity House to endeavour to find out another channel before it be obstructed by the winter.

9. Ballard, Chamberlaine, Titus, and Owen, apprehended by a warrant from Council, to be examined by Commissary Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, and Mr. Squibb, justices of the peace in Westminster, who are to take such proceedings against them as law directs.

11. Mr. Moyer to present to Parliament the report from the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, concerning the money to be provided for the navy from 15 July last to 31 December next.

12. The petition of Eliz. Rud, widow of Edw. Pepperill, referred to the Admiralty Committee. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 214–215.]

Aug. 12. Plymouth. **46.** Capt. Rich. Mill to Robt. Blackborne. I have impressed what men I could, but few can be had without damage to trade as well as to themselves. Let a frigate be sent to take the 6 or 7 score seamen. There are very few more to be had in these parts. I will take part of co. Dorset on my way home, get what I can, and give them tickets to appear at Portsmouth. With shorthand notes in reply that he is to have the men ready at Plymouth to be taken in by the frigates sent within the last 10 days. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 12. Sally. **47.** Robt. Downe to Robt. Blackborne. I send a certificate that I have redeemed 22 Englishmen, all west countrymen, from slavery. There are seven more who belong to the Saint, which will not let them go for money, and two at sea, whom I hope to clear before I leave. I want an order to deliver the 22 to the mayor of any town I shall put into. These rogues have done much mischief, having taken two Portuguese laden with sugar, tobacco, and 50 persons, as also some Frenchmen. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

47. I. *Certificate of Hamad Benali, secretary and Custom House officer of Sally, that Rob. Denis, merchant of London, and his nephew Mark, have ransomed 22 English slaves, paid the ransoms to the Governor and the masters, and also the port dues. Also certificate by John Ware and four others to the genuineness of the said certificate.—Sally,* 13 *August* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

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Aug. 13. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for Prize Goods to order the prize ship lading of French wines at Harwich to be delivered to Major Bourne, for supplying part of the fleet with beverage.

2. Capt. Vessey's letter of August 9 to be sent to the Commissioners of Prize Goods.

3. The Navy Commissioners to return their reasons for valuing the Anthony Bonadventure at 3,600*l.*

4. The Committee for Prisoners to dispose of the Dutch prisoners taken in the last fight as is most convenient.

5. Moyer, Courtney, and Tichborne to be a Committee to meet the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, to consider the receipt of the prize goods, and the person by whom it is managed, and report in what manner it may be settled for the advantage of the commonwealth.

6. Col. Philips, Nicholas Dowthwaite, and Geo. Thompson, prisoners with the serjeant-at-arms, to be committed to the Tower for treason against the State.

7. To order the Pearl to ply into the Channel west of Plymouth, and about Land's End, 10 days, and bring home such ships as are ready to come.

8, 9. Lord Lisle, Wolsley, Cooper, Pickering, Lawrence, and Tichborne to be a Committee to treat with the Spanish Ambassador, and to meet him on Friday at 4 p.m., at Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice.

10. Order on petition of the owners of the Peter of London, that 24 Dutch prisoners be given in exchange for the 24 persons mentioned, being prisoners at Flushing, provided they be of the same quality.

11. Major-Gen. Desborow to order his officers in the West to apprehend Col. Walter Slingsby, to seize the horses and arms found in Mr. Mallet's house at Enmore, where he is, to search his chamber and such other parts of the house as they think necessary, for papers concerning the State, and send what they find to Council. Desborow is also to give order for searching the house of Mrs. Weeke in Salisbury, where Col. Philips' wife is, particularly her chamber and trunks, for papers. [*J.* 70, *pp.* 217–219.]

Aug. 13. **48.** John Marshall to Edw. Marston. I should have brought the enclosed, but my wife is ill; pray present it, with a petition showing my services in the West Indies and Virginia; and if you can obtain me the command of a vessel, or a boatswain's place, I shall be your debtor while I live. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 14. **49.** Jno. Carew and Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey to the Admiralty
Aldborough. Committee. Let the provisions demanded be hastened down. Part of the 1,166 tuns of beer was with the fleet before we came down, but a greater part proved defective. As the merchant ships cannot now be refitted without much prejudice to the State's ships and frigates, we conceive the owners ought to be held to their contract.

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We hope the ships sent to Chatham and into the river may be speedily refitted, so as to ply in the Channel for the countenance of trade. [6 *pages.*]

Aug. 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Committee to consider of fit persons to be a Committee to execute the instructions for relieving the sick and wounded, and report.

2. Also to consider the service of the company of the ship Phœnix in regaining it from the Dutch, and do for them as they think fit.

3. Dr. Walker to attend the Committee for Foreign Affairs to-morrow at 9 a.m.

4. The business of insisting on satisfaction for losses sustained in Portugal to be considered to-morrow.

5. Order—on desire of the Lord Mayor and Recorder of London, for the judges in town to attend the sessions at the Old Bailey,—that notice be given to Justices Warburton and Aske to be present to-morrow, and give their assistance.

6. **50.** The Admiralty Committee to give order for the providing of a vessel to transport to Inverness the guns and other provisions of war at the Tower ready to go there, and to consider how they may be safely conveyed.

7. Courtney and St. Nicholas to report to Parliament the examination of the persons who delivered a petition on behalf of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne.

8. The business of the embassy to Sweden to be considered to-morrow.

10. To allow Lieut.-Col. White to open a door from his house in King's Street into the orchard of Whitehall, for as long as he and his family inhabit there.

11. To write to the commanders of the Lily and Hopewell pink at Falmouth, desiring them to put to sea towards the Sorlings, to warn the English ships homeward bound of the enemy's private men-of-war upon the coast, that they may be careful how they make the Land's End.

12. The Whitehall Committee to provide Mr. Crofts and Mr. Nest with lodgings in Sir Thos. Cotton's house, in case they find that Sir Thomas has no right to hold it, for which purpose they are to peruse his patent, and report.

13. To write to the Generals of the fleet of the intelligence from Land's End, desiring them to despatch the Foresight frigate from Harwich towards Land's End, and to let them know that the Convertine, Katherine, and Hector shall be despatched out of the river for the clearing of the coast, unless they have given other orders to those ships.

14. To write the Commissioners for the monthly assessments in London, that the house called the Prerogative Office, being made use of for the service of the commonwealth, is not to be taxed; and to desire them to suspend the collection of the sum laid upon it, till

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the case be certified to Council, and resolved upon. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 220-223.]

51. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Nonsuch and Katherine to be forthwith despatched out of the Thames westward, to clear the coast about Land's End of some Dutch and French men-of-war.

The Assistance to be appointed in lieu of the Nonsuch to carry the Portuguese Ambassador to his own country, and the Admiralty Commissioners to order her speedy fitting for that service. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 15. Leghorn. **52.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Young Tromp, with four Dutch men-of-war, has again set sail for Cadiz, and taken the Harry Bonadventure. Five Dutch are here in port, merchantmen taken up for men-of-war, but in effect no better than merchantmen, being no better manned, making a dozen left to command the Mediterranean, whereof the Leopard is admiral, the rest going to Cadiz and then coming back hither.

We are advised from Smyrna that the Golden Lion, a Dutch ship, has sailed for Holland, and as she is rich, and has that figure in her stern, you may give notice to your ships of war that they may expect her two months hence. Another ship, the Hope, also very richly laden, is there bound for Leghorn; if a good squadron of ships could be spared for these seas, I am confident they would stand the State in nothing, and would maintain themselves.

A Hamburgher has just sailed homewards, laden by the Dutch, and although his bills of lading are made for Hamburg, he may be bound for Holland. Another departed this week for Barbary and Spain, and as soon as she was out, she put up the Hamburg colours; not a ship passes these seas with those colours but either the ship or goods belong to the Dutch. With copy of his letter of 8 Aug. 1653. [2 *pages.*]

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2. The Committee appointed to treat with the agent from Sweden to meet him to-morrow at 4 p.m. Fleming to give him notice.

3. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to take care that the four French ships laden with oil, lately brought to Yarmouth, be detained till further orders.

4. The petition of Wm. Exelbert, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, referred to the Committee for Prize Goods.

5. Courtney and St. Nicholas to speak with the Clerk of Parliament, and receive from him all orders and votes passed concerning the Dutch business.

7. Mr. Simons to be employed in preparing medals for the officers of the fleet; the Admiralty Committee to speak with him concerning going in hand with them.

8. All warrants for payment of money to be signed by Mr. Thurloe, before they are offered to be signed by Council.

9. The petition of Thos. Bennet of Comwich, co. Somerset, seaman, referred to the two justices of the peace nearest Bridgewater,

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to examine the matter, and if it be as is stated, to discharge the petitioner.

10. Order on petition of Thos. Woodcot, Mayor of Gravesend, that the Lord General be appointed steward of that town, and that he appoint an under steward.

13. Cooper, Howard, and Hewson added to the Ordnance Committee, which is to meet to-morrow morning, to consider the supplying of Col. Lilburne with what he needs.

14. The petition of Temperance Newcome, widow, referred to the Navy Committee, to report.

15. The Navy Commissioners to give particulars of their valuation at 3,600*l.* of the Anthony Bonadventure, lost in the service, their letter of Aug. 15 not giving particulars.

18. The petition of the distressed domestics of the late King referred to the Committee appointed to consider the lists sent in by Capt. Falconbridge.

19. Order on petition of John Dickons, and Job Throgmorton, and Co., merchants, to write to the Duke of Venice, to second a former letter pressing him to do speedy justice to the petitioners.

21. The petition of Sir John Cochrane referred to the Committee for Secresy, to speak with him, and receive what he has to offer.

22. Strickland, Lawrence, Cooper, Lord Lisle, Wolsley, Moyer, and Pickering to be a Committee for Foreign Affairs, to meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.

23. The Victuallers of the Navy to despatch with all possible expedition the provisions now in readiness for the fleet.

24. **53.** The Admiralty Committee to give in an account of the victualling of the fleet, and the condition of the contracts.

25. Col. Sydenham to move Parliament that such members as are appointed of the Council be excused from attending other Committees of Parliament, except those of the Admiralty and Navy, and of Inspection.

26. The Lieutenant of the Tower to furnish the victuallers of the fleet with such number of seamen, by impressing, as shall be necessary for despatching the provisions to the fleet, to be paid according to the usual rates.

27. Sir Gibert Pickering to present to Parliament the petition of Lady ——.

28, 29. An allowance of 120*l.* yearly granted to Mr. Henicks, minister of the parish church of Manchester, to be paid by the trustees for the maintenance of ministers, and continued to him or his successor out of the impropriations, notwithstanding the order for suspending the payment of tithes by the people of Manchester, which order is to be continued.

31. Order on petition of Capt. Wm. Wheatley, that the Governor of Pendennis Castle send to the Tower the money mentioned, found in some prizes taken by petitioner; the matter of the petition referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

32. Wm. Mowbray, prisoner with the Serjeant-at-arms, to be released on bail.

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33. The articles against John Shaw, of Hull, referred to Michael Mountaine, Justice of the Peace for co. Lincoln, Nath. Bethel, John Belton, Thos. Nesse, Thos. Hudson, and Wm. Coulson, two Aldermen of Beverley, Thos. Milner, and Edward Wingate, Justice of Peace for co. York, to examine and report.

34. The petition of Cornelius and Henry Hilliwerne, merchants of Antwerp, to be sent to the Lieutenant of the Tower and the Master of the Mint, to certify what silver it is that is demanded, and the state thereof.

35. The Mayor of Bridgewater to examine the matter of the taking by — Smith, a pirate, of the William and Thomas of Aberthaw, which is now near Bridgwater, and claimed by Arthur Spencer, the owner, to whom he is to deliver it, on security that it shall be forthcoming in case it appear that it does not belong to him.

36. It being found necessary that the business of the ordnance be managed by the Admiralty Committee, Col. Sydenham is to move Parliament that powers be given to that Committee for its management and direction. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 225–232.]

Aug. 16. Council of State to the Collectors for Prize Goods. Vice-Admiral Penn, when in those parts with his squadron, delivered several goods to Jas. Wilson at Cadiz. In order to bring the said goods to account, you are to depute some able person to take his accounts beyond seas, and to receive the goods, or the proceeds, using all expedition, and giving an account of the affair to Council. [*I.* 70, *p.* 233.]

Aug. 16. **54.** Capt. Rich. Mill to the Admiralty Committee. We shall have a meeting at East Low, Cornwall, for two hundreds, and others at Tregony and Helston. Almost all the justices in Cornwall signed with me for getting small quantities [of men], and brought reasons why no more should be impressed for the summer. Justice Moyle is here, Col. Bennett coming; both have been very active, and there will be some justices at each meeting. There are few seamen to be had in Cornwall and Devon except at seaports, and these chiefly strangers, who will run away after receiving press money, unless there be some frigate to take them in forthwith, which I beg to have.

I will do what I can, but it will be little in these western parts; I will come and give in my accounts when called. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 16. Guernsey. **55.** Jas. Marchant to Edw. Marston. I have not heard how the business of the camparts has gone on since my last to you by Peter Carey, and desire you will use your best endeavours to preserve my right, and procure me an order for enjoying my right of camparts, as being the best part of my estate. Some still continue to detain them from me this harvest, alleging that their commissioners are before Parliament, and that the camparts are put down by Parliament, but the honester sort, who are but few, continue to pay them to me. [¾ *page.*]

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1. The Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to return a list of the persons to whom pensions are paid out of that treasury.

2. Major or Broughton to present to Parliament the proposals of Capt. Peter Pryaulx, &c. [*see August 9th, p. 83, suprà*] with the whole state of that business, for their direction.

3. Mr. Jackson to certify what money remains in his hands of the 4,521*l.* 12*s.* 1½*d.*, balance of his account delivered in Jan. 15 last to the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries.

5. Order, on petition of Moses Goodyeare and company, that his case be recommended to the French minister, to transmit it to the judges at Rouen, for them to do justice to the petitioners according to the law of nations.

6. The petition of Thos. Chelston, fishmonger of London, referred to Dr. Walker, to consider the matter and report.

7. Order on the petition of Alexander Bowling, that the Irish and Scotch Committee state the part of his account which has not yet been paid to him, and report.

8. The Lord General to write to the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, to have a watchful eye over any persons endeavouring to disturb the peace of the country, and if he find any, to send them up to Council.

9. Col. Geo. Fenwick to repair forthwith to his charge in Scotland.

10. The Ordnance Committee to buy 60 barrels of powder at 4*l.* 15*s.* a barrel, and to send them speedily into Scotland.

13. The 4*l.* a week allowed to Sir Adam Loftus for three months to be paid out of Council's contingencies, while the report on his business is taken into consideration.

14. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare an answer to Lord Lagerfeldt's paper, read to-day, and report.

16. To write to the Governor of Tilbury Fort to stop all hoys which pass by, and which he thinks fit for carrying victuals to the fleet, and keep them till further orders.

17. The Lord General to give order for a troop of horse to march to Harwich, to be quartered there for some time.

19. Sir A. A. Cooper to be President of Council for a fortnight.

20. The Whitehall Committee to put Capt. Cust in possession of the lodgings in Somerset House, now or late in possession of Mr. Smith.

21. Order,—on information from the Justices at the Old Bailey, of the necessity that those who are in the commission of oyer and terminer should attend there at the next sitting,—that Lord Commissioner Keble, Sir John Wollaston, Ald. Foote, Sir Wm. Roberts, Ald. Ireton, Mr. Sadler, Mr. Philips, Wm. Lane, John Allen, and Col. Owen Rowe attend the session next Friday at 7 a.m.

22. Mr. Graves to attend the said session.

23. Col. Barton and Mr. Bennet, members of Parliament, to be accommodated with lodgings, after Mr. Nest and Mr. Crofts, in the house of Sir Thos. Cotton, in case it appears that he has no right to the house, and after them Mr. Hollister.

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24. Col. Sydenham to report to Parliament that Council having considered the state of the government of Guernsey, and what may be done for the preservation of peace and distribution of justice, offer that the 12 jurats should hold office in turn for one month; that 5 of them, Jas. Guille, Blundell, Braughaud, Thos. Carey, and Mr. Branhad, who by reason of age and infirmity are disabled from serving, be dispensed with from being longer jurates, and that the States of the island elect five others in their place, according to ancient privilege. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 234–239.]

Aug. 17. **56.** Council of State to the Governor of Pendennis Castle. A petition has been presented to us by Capt. Wm. Wheatly, representing that he, being employed in a private man-of-war belonging to Capt. Reeve Williams, seized 4 vessels, in 2 of which there was found a considerable quantity of silver, about which there was a controversy between Capt. Williams and the petitioner, whereupon it was by order secured, and deposited with you; he prays that the matters in difference may be heard and determined, and the money brought up to London, and there secured until the business is decided. We have referred his petition to a Committee, and desire that the money in your custody be brought up to the Tower, and there kept until it shall appear to whom it belongs. [*Draft.* 1 *page.*]

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1. 50*l.*, beside the 25*l.* already given to the children of the Earl of Kildare, to be paid to Lady Ranelagh, for transportation of the said children to Ireland, being five beside their attendants. The lady is to see that the money is so disposed of, and warrant to be issued to the Commissioners of Prize Goods for its payment.

2. Lieut.-Col. Wolsley to take care that the lodgings in James's House in possession of John Durie be assigned to Mr. Cradock and Mr. Pell, Mr. Cradock having the first choice.

3. Harrison, Desborow, Carew, Howard, Strickland, Hewson, Tichborne, and Courtney to be a Committee for the Ordnance, and to report from time to time such transactions as are needful for information of Council.

4. The Lord President, Lord Lisle, Wolsley, and Lawrence to join with Lord Commissioner Whitelock in taking care of the library at James's House, and to take a perfect inventory of all the books and medals there, to be brought to Council speedily.

5. A list of the names of the Irish and Scotch Committee, to be brought in to-morrow.

6. The paper of the English merchants trading in Portugal, in answer to a paper of the Portuguese Ambassador, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

7. **57.** The petition of Daniel Paganuzzi referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

8. That of Nicholas Roberts, keeper of the sheriff's ward and

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county gaol in Colchester Castle, referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

9. Order, on petition of Richard Minshall, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, that the restraint upon the receipt of the revenue be taken off, and the allowance for a Divinity professor and preacher paid notwithstanding.

12. Ald. Tichborne to move Parliament to give power to the Army Committee to call to account officers who have received money to pay their soldiers, and have not paid them.

13. **58.** Order, on petition of Thomas Colchester, one of the under ushers of the Exchequer, that on his payment to Capt. Fauconberg of the 53*l.* 5*s.* mentioned by him to belong to the State as arrears of chantry rents in co. Hants, Fauconberg defalcate to him therefrom 25*l.* ordered him by the Revenue Committee towards his arrears.

16. Order that—whereas on 29 June last, on articles against John Edisbury, late prothonotary of cos. Montgomery and Denbigh, he was suspended from office, the articles sent to the Indemnity Committee, and Rice Vaughan appointed to the office; and whereas several orders have been issued to Edisbury to deliver up the records; and whereas, on a report made on Edisbury's petition on 10 August last touching the title to the office, it appears to be under sequestration by delinquency of Kenrick Eaton, but Council did not alter its former orders thereon—that Vaughan proceed to execute the office, taking all fees since Edisbury's suspension; the judges on the circuit are to give him his oath, and Edisbury to deliver up the writings, as he will answer the contrary at his peril. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 242–246.]

Aug. 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order, on petition of the officers of the Lord General's regiment, stating their great need of a surgeon and gunsmith with their mates, that the said officers be allowed to the regiment, and that the Army Committee issue warrants for their payment.

2, 3. 20,000*l.* worth of wheat to be provided for victualling the garrisons of Scotland and Ireland, and the Irish and Scotch Committee to consider how it may be provided.

4. Major, Broughton, and Hope added to that Committee.

5. The Lord General's regiment of foot to be continued at 1,200 men, besides officers, for three months longer, and the Army Committee to allow the same.

9. Major Miller to provide 100 beds with their furniture for the two companies added to the guard of the Tower. The bill to be brought to Council to be defrayed from the contingencies.

10. To write to the Army Committee to pay the two new companies in the Tower at 100 men each beside officers; the other two companies to be paid to the number of 100 men each, instead of 80 as formerly, for three months.

11. A copy of the paper from M. de Bordeaux of Aug. 17 to be sent to the Admiralty Judges, to report speedily.

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12. The attestations of several shipmasters pretending to be Swedes, presented to Council by Lord Lagerfeldt, to be referred to the Admiralty Judges, to proceed according to law.

13. The goods at Dalkeith to be sold, and an account sent in.

14. The room under the lodgings of Sir A. A. Cooper to be assigned to his use, and the Whitehall Committee to put him in possession.

15. Thos. Smithsby to perfect his account of the moneys received as fees in the Court for Probate of Wills.

16. The Customs' Commissioners and officers at Gravesend to use all diligence to prevent the escape of Dutch prisoners.

17. A declaration to be drawn up, forbidding any vessels to carry over Dutch prisoners without special licence.

18. Major-Gen. Desborow to order Col. Slingsby to be sent up to Council in safe custody. Col. Pinchbeck to be sent up, when he appears upon the condition of his bond.

19. All reports in future from the Irish and Scotch Committee to be signed by members, and those already brought in to be returned to be signed.

20. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to sell the prize ships at Deptford, Woolwich, and other places (except the Augustine, lately come from the Straits), Council being informed that the keepers' attendance on board will soon exceed the value of the vessels.

21. On information that some of the prize vessels taken into the service have been valued at double their worth, the Committee for Prize Goods are to take care for the future that a more indifferent appraisement be made.

22. To write to the Navy Commissioners that the Admiralty Committee have sent to Council their letter of the 19th instant, concerning their treaty with Major King and Mr. Roach for furnishing masts; and that Council approves it, and desires them to perfect the same.

23. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to take into custody the vessels pretending to belong to Denmark, taken by a private man-of-war commanded by Thos. Garnet, on a commission granted to Edw. Marston, and the captain to give an account why he took them.

24. Convenient storehouses to be built in the yard at Woolwich for keeping materials for the building and repairing of ships.

25. The report on the petition of Carew Harvey Mildmay recommitted to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine whether there be such a debt owing, how the same grew due, and whether he has no more of the plate than 1,023 oz.; which appearing, it shall be allowed him in the manner reported by Mr. Lawrence.

26. A copy of the report from the Prize Office, in the case of Alex. Gallico, a Jew, to be given to him, and he is to show cause why he demands anything for his goods taken in the Straits. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 247–253.]

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Aug. 19. Council of State to ——. There are several hoys and other vessels in the Thames, with provisions for the fleet. You are to repair to each, and require them to sail without delay to the fleet. If any of the masters are backward or refractory, you are to take them into custody, and bring them before Council to answer their contempt and neglect.

If any of the vessels have not sufficient seamen for their sailing, you are to tell the Lieutenant of the Tower what men are wanting, and he is to give speedy order for their impress. You are to execute anything you judge needful for the speedy despatch of the vessels, and all officers, &c. are to assist you. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 254, 255.]

Aug. 19. The Resolution, Aldborough Road. **59.** General Monk to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hope you arrived in London safely, and will take care for a speedy supply of our wants, which, as to powder, shot, and beer, are presented in the enclosed. Some of our ships suffered loss in the storm yesterday, and the King Ferdinando, Mary prize, and Sampson are so disabled that they will not be in a condition to sail with Capt. Lawson, but will come with the remaining part of the fleet, which I hope will sail from hence the latter end of next week, if the above provisions are supplied in time. Several other ships were forced to slip their cables and anchors, and have gone to Ousley Bay, beyond the rolling grounds, but I hope they will be ready to sail with Capt. Lawson to-morrow. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 19. Wolverhampton. **60.** Thos. Jurden to Edw. Marston. I desire you will send the enclosed to your brother, and if any come from him to me, forward them, and deduct your charges out of any money he may remit. [¼ *page.*]

Aug. 19. The Rose and Crown. **61.** Capt. Thos. Penrose to Edw. Marston. Having an order from Council to convoy some ships for Harwich, to which I returned an answer dated from the Nonsuch, I dare not appear at Whitehall, otherwise I would have waited upon you; I therefore desire you will either send me a line to say what has been done, or come here before 3 p.m., as I am then going down to the frigate. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 20. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on petition of the Countess of Ormond, to write to the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland to take care that the 2,000*l.* a year, allowed her out of the Earl of Ormond's estate in Ireland, be set out to her, according to the rate they were let at in 1640, out of the lands lying most conveniently to Dunmore House.

2, 3. Desborow and Moyer to be a Committee to examine what is due to the deputies of Scotland, on their pay of 20*s.* a day, and to report; and those now in town having money due to them to have such sum paid them out of Council's contingencies as is approved by the said Committee.

4. Approval of what has been done by the Commissioners of Council sent down to the fleet, and they are to have the thanks of Council for their great pains in the business committed to them.

5. The petition of Sarah Johnson, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to do what is usual. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 256, 257.]

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Aug. 20. **62.** Report by the Admiralty Committee, on a Council of State order of Aug. 5, that the value of the goods taken by Capt. Badiley out of the Relief in the Straits, for the Paragon, Leopard, and Bonadventure, was in powder, &c. 115*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*, and in guns, &c., 351*l.* 5*s.* 7*d*; also that Badiley hired the ship at 50*l.* a month, for six months, making the total 766*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 20. Trinity House. **63.** The Committee of Trinity House to the Council of State. What we presented by word of mouth to the Admiralty Committee, concerning the disability of the Trinity House to undergo the extraordinary charge of searching out a new channel for public concernment, is really true, for by reason of the present decay of trade, their incomes are exceedingly decayed, as the wars have increased, so that the revenues are so small they will not discharge their necessary occasions, as we can clearly show.

We have no such duties payable to this House for this use as the primage and average expressed in your letter. Nevertheless, because the debate will take up more time than the present exigency will admit,—the business to be acted requiring more time than we fear the season will allow, in blowing weather and short days,—we have put the same in agitation, and are sending away persons with the necessary instruments, and some of us will accompany them, and doubt not to render a good account, as also satisfaction as to the charges, and to prevail with you to lay a public expense upon a public back, which is best able to bear it, and not upon the Poors' stock, already small enough, and out of which it otherwise must come. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 21. Breda. **64.** Sir Rich. Grenvile to Mr. Parker, the Prince's house, Flushing. I have received a letter from my daughter, importuning me to get the receipt your wife promised. She complains of a very ill passage, but is well at London, and found many cousins of her name, some well married and others shortly to be. Col. Thornell is going to be married to my brother's youngest daughter. Dr. Whitaker is by me, and I am now quit of ague and fever. My daughter presents her service to you and your wife, as also to my Lord and Sir Marmaduke Langdale, if nigh you. Pray hasten our vessel to sea, so as not to lose so fair weather. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 21. Dunkirk. **65.** C. Whittington to Ralph Parker, merchant, Flushing. My friends here are now not so forward to venture for Zealand as they were, and there have been so many here from there and Holland to buy goods of late, that they conceive they can sell their goods here as well as sending them elsewhere. Taunton serges fetch 48 guilders ready money, and hose, broadcloth, and northern kersies, reasonable prices.

All the news from Holland say that they have got the better of the English armada, and as the news from England is directly opposite, let me know for certain. I desire you will put an end to the account that has been standing so long between us for mortality's sake; there cannot be so little as 200*l.* stock coming to me, besides

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the use of my money these two years; so it is high time it was ended, and you gave me your obligation that, when you are able, you will pay me; for although we be poor, yet let us be honest; which I doubt not we shall be, one to the other. Remember me to your wife. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 22. Order that the Council of State examine the business of the trial of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne and the proceedings therein, particularly the judges and jury, and report speedily to Parliament.

That they examine touching any scandalous or seditious papers dispersed, or words spoken at the said trial, in derogation of the authority of Parliament, and report.

That they revise the Act declaring what offences shall be treason, and bring in an Act to Parliament to-morrow for supply of such things as that Act comes short in, in reference to this present Parliament and Council of State.

Order on report by Col. Rous from the Committee for Petitions of the petition of divers well-affected persons of the Isle of Jersey, that the Council of State consider the petition, and what is fit to be done, and report. [*I.* 90, *pp.* 15, 16. *Commons' Journal, VII. pp.* 305, 306.]

Aug. 22. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The business of declaring for the next winter's guard to be considered this afternoon. Members to attend at 3 p.m.

3. The time granted to the Earl of Clanricard to stay in England extended for two months longer.

5. Order on petition of Gabriel Brown of Ilfordcombe, that the Committee for Prize Goods value the small vessel mentioned, and if they find it be as is suggested, they restore him his vessel, on paying the usual salvage.

6. The Whitehall Committee to take care that the rooms in Whitehall in possession of Mr. Brown be assigned to some of Council's officers whose rooms in the house have been made use of for a member.

7. Also to put Mr. Draper in possession of the lodgings in the Mews, late Mr. Berry's, and the stable and coach-house late Mr. Simpson's, unless Berry show cause to the contrary.

8. The Lord Mayor of London, Lord Commissioner Keble, Justice Warburton, Mr. Attorney, and Mr. Recorder, to attend Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow, to give account of the proceedings at the sessions in the Bailey in the case of Col. John Lilburne.

10. **66.** The letter from Trinity House of the 20th instant, concerning the discovery of a new channel in the river mouth, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

11. Major Wade to attend Council to-morrow afternoon.

12. Mr. Carew to give an account to Parliament of the state of the fleet as found on the coming of the Commissioners to Aldborough, and in what readiness it was for sea at their departure.

14. The letter from Thos. Thompson of the 22nd instant referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to take care that the prisoners

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mentioned to be sent up from the fleet be secured as they think fit.

15, 16. The propositions from the Vice-Chancellor of Poland, and the letter from the Duke of Holstein, with the orders of Parliament thereupon, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

17. Order on petition of the labourers of the Ordnance Office in the Tower, that Auditor Beale state their account, and report what is due to them.

18. The Victuallers of the Navy to attend Council to-morrow afternoon.

19. Order on the petition of Capt. Reeve Williams, that all former orders touching him and Capt. Wheatley be taken off, and they left to their trial at law.

21. Order on petition of Capt. Edmund Elison, complaining of his losses from the French, that the Committee for Prize Goods sell him the prize ship Steerman or such other as he shall desire, at such rate as they are appraised. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 258–262.]

Aug. 22. Sandwich. **67.** John Marshall to Edw. Marston. Thanks for your good remembrance, and when my wife is well, I will be with you; but if you wish to see me at once, write to me, and to gratify you, I will write to those who can do it, for Mr. Gardner has taken another ship of 250 tons. [½ *page.*]

[Aug. 23.] **68.** Petition of William Kiffen, William Ely, Wm. Nixon, and other merchants and soap boilers, to Parliament. We, with many other merchants, soap boilers, and other tradesmen, freeborn people of England, suffered great oppressions in our estates, liberties, and credits, even to our utter ruin, by the last soap patentees,—viz., Sir Edw. Bromfield and his company—riotously and barbarously breaking into our houses and warehouses, and seizing and destroying our soap and materials, as oil, tallow, and potashes, and our soap vessels; as also by imprisoning and forcing several of us to fly from our families to foreign parts, and binding many of us in bonds with great penalties not to boil soap any more before we could get discharged. We petitioned Parliament for relief against our potent oppressors, but we still lie groaning under these sad oppressions, and we and our families are in great distress.

Finding our application fruitless, we brought actions for recovery of our losses and damages, upon the statute of James against monopolies, but by the mightiness of their purses, which they have gained by enhancing the price of soap one third penny in every pound of soap throughout the nation,—to the great damage of the commonwealth some hundred thousands of pounds, by means of their illegal and oppressive patent—they have kept some of us at law above 12 years, by obtaining special verdicts, putting in pleas of 336 sheets of paper, so as to weary us out, and bringing writs of error; by which known engine of vexation, they have reversed several of our judgments, and now retard our taking out execution upon our judgments entered after verdict.

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The said patentees, further to weary out and keep us from recovery of our just dues, have, by several false petitions presented to the late Parliament, obstructed our proceedings at law for several years past, and at this time, by orders of indemnity, by which corrupt practice the late Parliament, which should have been our relief, became our ruin.

The statute against monopolies directs all parties grieved by any monopoly to bring their action upon the statute for recovery of their losses, and enacts that the validity of all monopolies, commissions, grants, licences, charters, letters patent, proclamations, inhibitions, warrants, &c. ought to be examined and determined according to common law. The patentees, on purpose to monoplize the sole art of soap boiling, sued for and obtained of the late King their oppressive patent, and also additional power by proclamation of the King, orders of Star Chamber, and warrants of assistance from Council to their illegal deputations, to enable them to engross all the soap materials into their own hands, and to prosecute their cruel, barbarous breaking into the houses and warehouses of the free people of this nation.

The premises considered, as also how these patentees contributed great assistance to the late King to keep off Parliaments, and were concocters of tyranny with him upon the free people of England, and that in truth the patentees of England have been the caterpillars of this commonwealth, and that, by their obstructing our proceedings at law, they have incurred the penalties of the Statute of Premunire of 16 Rich. II.;—we beg an Act that from henceforth no execution of any judgment upon any action grounded on the statute against monopolies made 21 Jas. shall be stayed or superseded by any writ of error or supersedeas thereupon, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, and that we may enjoy the benefit of the law, without interruption by the Commissioners of Indemnity. 33 signatures. [*Copy.* 2 *pages.*]

Aug. 23. **69.** Order thereon by the Committee for Petitions, that the Indemnity Committee certify why they have stopped the proceedings at law, and give their opinions. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 23. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for Prisoners to give order for securing the Dutch prisoners sent up from the fleet in the Merchant Adventure.

2. The same powers granted for regulating the press as granted by the former Council.

3. John Southby, prisoner in Oxford gaol, and condemned to die, reprieved for three months.

4. The bail taken for appearance of Rob. Williams discharged.

5. The sheriffs or clerk of the peace of London to give to Geo. Hussey, messenger of Council, a list of the persons impanelled jurors on the trial of Lieut.-Col. Lilburne, and they are all to be summoned to attend Council at 3 p.m.

6. The Lord Mayor, Recorder, and Attorney-General are to make a narrative of the proceedings at the Old Bailey, on the said trial,

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"expressing the same as particularly as may be," and to return it to Council with speed.

7. Mr. Strickland to offer to Parliament the petition of the strangers of the French and Walloon congregation in and about London, as a matter of concernment to the commonwealth.

9. The examinations and informations reported to Council concerning — Ramsey, the priest, to be put into a method by Mr. Thurloe, and printed and published.

10. Courtney, Strickland, Moyer, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to take an account of what defects have been in the victualling of the fleet for the summer, and to report.

11. Those of the jury for Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne who did not appear this day to Council to appear at 8 a.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 264–6.]

70, 71. Order that victuals be provided for 10,000 men for six months, for the next winter's guard, from 1 October to 31 March next, and that the Admiralty Commissioners send for the Navy Victuallers, and order them to make the said provision. [⅔ *page.* 2 *copies.*]

Aug. 23. Guildhall, London. **72.** John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, Army Treasurers, to the Navy Commissioners. The Receiver-General of Suffolk has a considerable sum in hand which he is to pay us, and if he does so in the way you propose,—Mr. Hutchinson accepting the same towards the discharge of such warrants as shall be sent us to pay moneys to him for the navy, and giving us a receipt for the same,—we shall thereupon give acquittances to the Receiver-General for the sums so returned and accepted; or in case Mr. Hutchinson has already any warrant charged upon us, and will accept of what money the Receiver-General of Suffolk has in hand towards its discharge, we shall forthwith, upon the receipt of it and Mr. Hutchinson's acquittance, assign the sum he shall desire to be paid to him in Suffolk by the Receiver-General there. [*Copy.* ¾ *page.*]

Aug. 24. **73.** Petition of Wm. Burton on behalf of the bailiffs and aldermen of Great Yarmouth, to the Council of State, for the appointment of some men-of-war to attend the fishing trade in the roads, to preserve them from freebooters continually infesting those parts; also that their fishermen may be freed from impress, and permitted to attend their fishing without molestation. The whole employment of most of the inhabitants of the town depends on the fishing in the roads at this season, and vessels from the west and northern parts yearly arrive upon that trade, which is very beneficial to this nation by the import of commodities, and brings a considerable revenue to the Customs and Excise, besides setting many thousands on work, who otherwise would be exposed to beggary and want, and the trade is also an occasion of breeding up many mariners yearly for the service of the State. [¾ *page.*]

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Aug. 24. **74.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 275.]

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3. Order to enclose the petition and certificates of Terentius Conally to the Revenue Commissioners in Ulster, and desire them to examine the truth of what is there alleged, and if they find it true, to permit him to remain in Ireland, on security not to exercise his function of a priest, and to live peaceably and quietly.

4. To write to Peter Pett and Major Bourne the thanks of the Council for their great care and pains in despatching the fleet to sea.

5. To send to Mr. Scobell to come to Council this afternoon, to give an account of the proceedings in the trial of Lt.-Col. John Lilburne.

7. To desire Ald. Tichborne to speak to Lieut.-Col. Jephson and Capt. Coe to put in writing such material passages as they took notice of at the late trial of Col. Lilburne, and to bring the same to Council.

11. The petition of Alexander Shipdam, minister, referred to the Committee of Norfolk, to examine the matter alleged, and report; meantime the former orders of Council are suspended, and the parties left in the same condition as before their making.

13. Order, on a letter from Shaftsbury to Major-Gen. Desborow, of the 21st instant,—relating a design for a speedy insurrection in cos. Dorset and Somerset, in which Major Fry is to be chief,—that Desborow be desired to direct such of his officers in the western parts as he shall think fit to apprehend Fry, and send him up to Council to answer the charges against him.

14. To write to Major Baker and Capts. Wm. Thornhall, Dewey, and Scotten, to examine the matter informed in a letter from Shaftsbury, and to report.

16. Tichborne, Moyer, and Courtney to be a Committee to examine Mr. Pancefoot, how he has disposed of the warrants of the late Council granted him for import of certain commodities, and dated in February and March last, and by what means he procured them, and to report what account they receive from him. The Committee are to send for Mr. Coltman, a Custom House officer, and to know on what grounds he reports that the warrants which were granted to particular persons by the late Council, for the import of certain goods, were procured by corruption and bribery.

17. To consider the business of settling the winter guard next Friday.

19. The Ordnance Committee to order 4 carriages to be made for some guns at Inverness.

20. Sir Chas. Wolsley to move Parliament that the Army Committee may be empowered to add to the establishment of the army, for three months to come, from 22nd Aug., 500 men besides officers, raised by order of Council for recruiting the Lord General's regiment of foot, and a surgeon and gunsmith with their mates, for the said regiment; also 2 new companies of 100 men each and

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40 men raised by order of Council, and added to the two old companies in the Tower, to strengthen the guard there, and put under command of the Lieutenant of the Tower.

22. The Committee of Council to whom the business of prizes was referred to make their report on Saturday.

25. The public minister from the Duke of Holstein to have audience at 4 p.m. on Friday in Whitehall. and the appointed Commissioners to be summoned. Fleming to give him notice.

26. The petition of Elizabeth Parnell referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

27. Order on petition of Jas. Lockhart, master of the Flying Hart of Leith,—showing that by order of his owners he went from Leith to Nantes, having license from the Generals at sea, took in a lading, but on his return was taken by the Hunter frigate, retaken by a Dutch man-of-war, and again taken by the President frigate, and brought into Plymouth,—that the said pink, with her lading of wines, tackle, &c. be restored to him. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 267–275, 282.]

Aug. 24. Council of State to the Commissioners for Customs. To encourage the import of hemp, pitch, tar. &c., several licenses have been granted by Council to bring them in, with other goods and merchandise, dispensing with the penalties of the Act of Navigation. These grants they think fit to revoke; you are therefore not to suffer any goods to be imported by virtue of such warrants, except pitch, tar, masts, and other goods useful for shipping. [*I.* 70, *p.* 282.]

Aug. 25. Aldborough. **75.** Dr. Daniel Whistler to the Navy Commissioners. Since my last from Yarmouth, the number of sick and wounded men of the fleet, since the last engagement, is much increased about Aldborough, Ipswich, and Harwich. At Aldborough they were increased to 400 last week, and in the towns adjacent, such as Thorpe, Laston, Feverton, &c. 200 more were scattered for want of room here. I visited them all on Friday, and for the better administration of means to such sick as wanted more help than air and fresh diet, I caused those to be returned hither, and to make room for them, dismissed 150 of the recovered to their ships.

On Saturday I went to Ipswich, where I found 374 sick and wounded since the last engagement, some much wounded, besides, 133 come home to be dressed for slighter wounds, and 500 sick and wounded of the former engagement, notwithstanding 70 were dismissed before my coming down. I hope this week that near 300 of these will be fit to be sent to Harwich for the ships. For lessening of public expense, I shall send 40 dismembered men, and others of long cure, to the hospitals in London, where I wish room were provided.

The wounded at Harwich, since the last engagement, amount to 84, and the sick to 87, and there are additions and dismissions daily; 31 have died at Yarmouth, and as many are cured and sent to their ships.

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The Hamburg fleet of 40 men-of-war sailed from hence last Sunday, and the rest expect to weigh next Saturday. We kept a day of thanksgiving on board the General last Monday, when Mr. Jessy and Mr. Simpson spoke and prayed, with great attention of the seamen; the next day they removed to visit the congregational churches about Yarmouth.

News has been received from the Texel of the Hollanders' being ready with 45 sail to come forth. The Yarmouth herring fleet intend to set out fishing on Monday, with two men-of-war for their convoy. On General Monck's departure I intend for Yarmouth, to communicate my experience to the surgeons there, having more than ordinarily studied and observed, by my frequent employment therein, the surgical part of physic.

I doubt not but Ipswich, where most of the sick are, will be sufficiently cared for by Dr. Bathurst, of whose ability and care I have good assurance, and hope next week I may be commanded home, unless there be expectation of a sudden new engagement. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 26. **76.** Petition of Nich. Hayward, Job Nutt, and other owners of the Golden Fortune, to the Council of State for a convoy for their ship from St. Ives, Cornwall, to London. Freighted her out last year for Virginia, and although she ran much danger, she got clear to port, and returned safely to the Land's End; where, being furiously pursued by some Dutch men-of-war, she was forced to hazard herself and lading amongst the rocks, to escape their violence, and got to St. Ives, where she remains safe and fully laden; but if she should miscarry after so many dangers and adventures, it would not only be a great loss to petitioners, but also above 2,000*l.* loss to the State, consequently her officers will not stir without a convoy. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 26. **77.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 281.]

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1. The report concerning Lord Loftus to be made to-morrow.

2. **78.** The Admiralty Committee to consider in what ports in this nation the victualling which is to be made for 10,000 men may be provided, and in what proportions, and to give order for providing the same accordingly.

3. The petition of John Dury referred to the Committee on the library at James's House.

4. The draft of the Act for abolishing all rural prebends, which was in the hands of Sir Chas. Wolsley, to be reported to Parliament by Mr. Lawrence.

6. The petition of Wm. Wood, of Otley, co. York, referred to the justices of peace of the West Riding, to examine and certify.

7. The Committee for Prisoners to give order for securing 50 Dutch prisoners brought from the fleet in the Samuel, according to their respective qualities.

8. Mr. Moyer to present to Parliament the letter to them directed from the Duke of Holstein, this day delivered to the Commissioners appointed by Council to give audience to his public minister.

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9. To write to the deputies of Holland to represent to them the ill usage which some English prisoners in the Netherlands and East Indies receive, and to inform them that unless better usage be given them, Council will retaliate upon such Dutch prisoners as they have.

10. To write to the Commissioners in Scotland to make sale of the goods left in Dalkeith House by the late Commissioners of Parliament sent into Scotland, and to place to account the proceeds.

11. The petition of Mary, wife of Peter Wraxall, and others, on behalf of their husbands now prisoners, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to take care that exchanges be procured for the English prisoners there by the release of some of the Dutchmen here, respect being given to the quality of the prisoners.

13. The paper this day delivered to Council from the public minister of the Duke of Holstein referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer thereto, and report.

14. Order on petition of Sir John Darell, Bart.,—setting forth his right of patronage of the vicarage of Kintbury, co. Berks; as also that upon misinformation Council has given order to commend Mr. Warren to the incumbency as a sequestration;—that they intend nothing by the said order to the prejudice of the petitioner's rights; and they will not further intermeddle in things of this nature.

15. Sir Gilb. Pickering to present to Parliament the proceedings of the trial of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, Council having examined the judges and jury, the Lord Mayor and Recorder of London having returned the proceedings in writing, and the clerks having returned several scandalous and seditious speeches made by him, which they took in shorthand; and also the examinations of the jury, taken before Council. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 278–282.]

Aug. 26. Plymouth. **79.** Geo. Strelley to Robt. Blackborne. I have received an order for 27*l.* 11*s.* out of the impost for coals, but that money was long since paid into the Treasury by Mr. Opie; if however the last year's money may be obtained, it will be a benefit to the poor. The coast is much infested with rogues; 3 men-of-war lie in Mount's Bay, for the East India ship, daily expected from Newfoundland, and other ships from the southward. They chased in a Virginia ship to St. Ives, and as she and others cannot stir for want of a convoy, I beg you will hasten one down, and some ships to clear the coast of those rogues who are taking English ships daily.

Endorsed with shorthand notes regretting the delay of 9 ships in the river, for want of a competent proportion of men. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Aug. 27. Order in Parliament that the Council of State take some course for the further securing of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne for the peace of the nation.

That they consider the examinations and papers formerly and now reported to Parliament, and such advices as they have concerning him, make extracts, and report to Parliament, with their opinion therein. [*I.* 90, *p.* 16. *Commons' Journal, VII., p.* 309.]

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Aug. 27. **80.** Petition of Thos. Webber of the Mayflower, belonging to Boston in New England, to the Council of State, for a protection for 20 seamen, and letters of marque, that he may better serve the State and the plantation. Being bound for New England, was detained by weighty affairs and could not get seamen; but the winter drawing on, and the plantation requiring the assistance of that vessel against the Dutch, he desires a speedy despatch. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 27. **81.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 285.]

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1. Col. Slingsby and Col. Pinchbeake to be committed prisoners to the Tower for treason.

2. **82.** The petition of John Trymnell referred to the Admiralty Committee, to treat with him concerning the import of necessaries for the navy. *Annexing,*

82. I. *List of masts, timber, &c. which he desires to import.* [½ *page.*]

3. Courtney and Broughton to form a Committee to examine Streeter, who was apprehended by a warrant of Council.

5. To commit Richard Moore, bookseller, to the Gatehouse, for selling and publishing seditious books.

6. The petition of Capt. Roger Pritchard referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

7. Order on petition of Geo. Chamberlyn, prisoner with the Marshal-General, that he be released, on security to appear at the next sessions there, to answer the charges against him.

9. The powers given to the persons appointed by the late Council Governors of Ely House and the Savoy renewed, and they authorised to proceed in the care of the said hospitals until further order.

10. The members of Council who represent Dorsetshire in Parliament to consider what should be offered to Council for the security of the county.

13. The petition of Anne, widow of Capt. Robert Batten, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do as they see cause.

18. Council—being informed that Dutch prisoners, notwithstanding the order for their safe keeping, escape daily, and procure their passage either here at London or on the sea coasts—straitly prohibits all persons from taking on board any who have not certificates or safe conducts from Parliament or Council, or from aiding them to escape.

All justices of peace, mayors, sheriffs, Customs' officers, &c. are to be careful to prevent their escape, and to discover all who disobey this order. In case of offence, the boats are to be seized, and the persons apprehended and sent to Council to be proceeded against.

If any prisoners are met wandering, all officers are to take care that they be apprehended and sent to the next gaol. The officers of ports are to search all vessels going out, and if such prisoners are found, to cause this order to be executed. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 283–285, 291–2.]

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Aug. 27. Council of State to Col. Hacker. You are to appoint a sufficient party of horse to repair to Newgate, receive into custody John Lilburne, whom Council have ordered to be delivered to you, carry him safely to the Tower, and deliver him to the Lieutenant, to whom Council has committed him, according to an order of Parliament, to be there secured for the peace of the nation. [*I.* 70, *p.* 286.]

Aug. 27. Whitehall. Council of State to the Lieutenant of the Tower. As by order of Parliament we are to take care to secure Lilburne, we think fit to remove him to the Tower. We therefore require you to receive him and keep him in close imprisonment, for the reasons expressed in the said order. [*I.* 70, *p.* 287.]

Aug. 27. Council of State to the Keeper of Newgate. To deliver Lilburne to Col. Hacker. [*I.* 70, *p.* 280.]

Aug. 27. Council of State to Major John Wade. The navy requires a continual supply of great shot and ordnance, and Council is informed that much may be made in the Forest of Dean, without destruction of timber, which they intend by all means to preserve. You are to take the ordering of the making of shot, according to the following instructions, or such others as you shall receive from Parliament or Council. [*I.* 70, *p.* 288.]

Aug. 27. Instructions to Major John Wade for the making of iron shot and ordnance in the Forest of Dean for the use of the navy.

(1.) You are, for carrying out the said work, to provide two furnaces, to erect one in such manner as you judge most convenient, and to repair one of the old furnaces which were lately Sir John Wintour's, and forfeited by his delinquency, and to give orders in everything relating thereto, and the cutting of timber if necessary.

(2.) You shall give order for cutting wood within the forest to make charcoal, and take care that it be dotards, or not fit for timber; and in case, after it is cut, you find any timber, you are to preserve it for the navy or other uses.

(3.) When the wood is cut and corded, you are to give timely notice to the woodward of that part of the forest wherein the wood is cut, who is hereby required to view it, and you and the woodward are to make indentures of all wood cut and corded, which, being interchangeably sealed, one part shall be kept by you, and the other part delivered to the woodward, who is to send it to Council.

(4.) You are to make use of such cinders as you find in the forest, and to take care that no cinders be carried away without leave from Parliament or Council.

(5.) You are, in turning the said wood into charcoal, and in what else relates to the effectual carrying out of this work, to act according to your discretion.

(6.) And whereas for carrying on this service 1,000*l.* is already assigned to Gualter Frost, assistant to the secretary of the

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Council, you are empowered to charge bills upon him for the said money, and further bills upon Council for such other sums as you shall require. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 289, 290.]

Aug. 27. **83.** Copy of the 6th article of the above. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 27. The Resolution, Aldborough Bay. **84.** General Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Thanks for your acceptance of the weak endeavours used to equip the fleet since the last engagement; it was very much shattered. I am sensible of the great importance it will be to the service that the remaining part of the fleet sail from hence speedily, in order to a conjunction with Rear-Admiral Lawson, and hope we shall do so by Monday, if the supply of beer and water, and the powder and shot promised arrive in time; I wish it had not stayed to come under convoy of the Convertine, as the Nicodemus is appointed for that service, and is now at the river's mouth, expecting all vessels of that nature. When they come, we shall yet want 2,000 round shot for demi-culverins, and as many for sackers, with a few minion.

As for beer, I question whether we shall find the supply mentioned in the victuallers' letter, for we shall want above 100 tuns to complete the ships now here, if all those from Harwich come provided, (which hitherto has not been for the most part, but they were supplied by us here,) besides the defectiveness in beer, so that I desire 200 tuns to answer the want we have hitherto found in the fleet. The 100 barrels of powder appointed for the fleet out of Norfolk appears to be about 90, and very old, so that it is questionable whether 80 are fit for service, but I hope to be able to make shift with it, and with what is coming by the Convertine, and what may be taken out of merchant ships.

I think 10,000 men will be sufficient for the moving body of the winter guard, which it was intended to make up to 40 sail out of the new frigates now building; but as I perceive that is not like to be, we must make the best choice we can out of other ships. I conceive it very necessary that 2,000 more men should be declared for, to supply such ships as shall be designed for guard of the English, Irish, and Scotch coasts.

P.S.—A considerable quantity of beer has just arrived, which will answer our wants if it proves good. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

84. I. *List of* 45 *ships that sailed with Rear-Admiral Lawson; of* 8 *that were on the coast of Holland before expecting his command; of* 9 *that sailed for Holland on the* 24*th and* 26*th; of* 18 *which, with* 8 *or* 9 *merchant ships, are in Aldborough road, and will be ready to sail on the* 29*th; and of* 2 *at Harwich, ready to sail with the fleet on Monday.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 27. The George, W.N.W. of the Texel. **85.** Rear-Admiral Jno. Lawson to Gen. Monck. Daily account of the proceedings of his fleet, from the 21st inst. On the 25th, we met some Dutch merchant ships, and the frigates took 5 or 6, and sank two, but the Foresight has shipped water, which has spoiled her powder.

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We hear that the 5 Dutch East India ships are at Copenhagen, and are to stay there till the men-of-war come for them. Some are unloading there. There are 30 Dutch men-of-war at the Fly, and 10 at the Texel.

I send the examination of the master of a Dutch buss taken by the Centurion, with some Dutch letters.

The wind has been very high; it had gone ill with us had we been driven into the Texel. Several ships have been damaged. I have ordered the Ruby, Pelican, and other ships to ply northward, to find the others which have been scattered. I hope to be with my fleet 10 leagues west of the Texel by the 30th instant, to join with you as ordered. The scattered ships will annoy the enemy in their trade. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 27. Navy Office. **86.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We find many frauds, embezzlements, counterfeiting of tickets, and other abuses connected with naval affairs. We wish some persons had power to prosecute them otherwise than by a course of law, or there will be little remedy; there is a tenderness to take away life, and many times want of clear proof as to condemning persons, though sufficient for inferior punishments. We want orders for discharge of the ships come from the fleet. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

86. I., II. *Navy Victuallers to the Navy Commissioners. We have the order from the Admiralty Committee, and the abstract of the Generals' letter of the 20th. I think that before the victuals are expired, a proportion for* 10,000 *men for* 28 *days may be got ready at Chatham or Quinborough, but the declaration must be soon issued, with the proportions for each port, taking care there be sufficient in the port of London to make good what has been over issued, and this supply, which will be victuals for* 2,500 *for* 6 *months. The empty cask should be sent in.*

We shall be driven to extremity in the winter's supply for want of a timely declaration, having only 1 *month when* 3 *are needed. Let shipping be provided to take in the beer, &c. If beer were sent daily to the fleet, the dry provisions could be sent on advice from the Generals, and so the fleet kept at sea, at least the winter guard, without coming into port.*—26 *Aug.* 1653. [1½ *pages.* 2 *copies.*]

Aug. 27. Leith. **87.** Wm. Welch to Geo. Downing, Scoutmaster-General. The master of a ship from Norway reports that there are nine Dutch East India ships at Vleckfort in Norway, seven leagues north of the Nasse, which have landed and planted their guns for defence; 11 rich ships from the Straits at Vleckery, 15 leagues east of the Nasse, and 18 with 2 Dutch men-of-war at Bergen, one of which has the corpse of Van Galen, who was slain in the Straits, and that there are 120 Dutch merchantmen in other ports of Norway. The East India and Straits' ships being 40 in number, having revictualled, resolved to sail homeward, and to that end those from Bergen and Vleckery were ordered to meet them, and the captains took an oath

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to be faithful to each other, and gave out they did not care for 20 or 30 English men-of-war, and would fire their ships before they would yield. I have acquainted the Navy Commissioners with this intelligence, and they will advise the Council of State. I wish our fleet had notice of it, so that they might meet them on the Holland coast or Norway, and that care might be taken that the Dutch do not claw the English coast aboard, and slip between the Texel and Yarmouth. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 28. Ramsgate. **88.** Capt. John Goulding to [E. Marston]. Thanks for your care with reference to our letters of marque, though I much wonder you or your friend should demand so much merely for soliciting the business, whereas I am now proffered by an agent and a neighbour to effect it for 40*s*. Besides I am to give good consideration to the petitioners, so that should I condescend to your proposal, I should have little or no profit myself. However, seeing you have so far proceeded in it, I shall be content, the commission being in my name, to allow you or your friend a twelfth part. Pray be mindful of the Gillyflower, as I hope on my return to have a good account of it. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 29. Order in Parliament that the Council of State consider the government of Jersey, and report.

Order on a letter from Thomas Deykin, Mayor of Walsall, and John Sampson, justice, dated Aug. 27, and on a letter from Robert Ducie, Sheriff of Stafford, that the business be referred to the Council of State to examine, send for the ringleaders of the riot, and take care for the preservation of peace. [*I.* 90, *p.* 17. *Commons' Journal, VII., p.* 309.]

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1. The Navy Commissioners to take the account of Gen. Blake for his southern expedition, and the Spanish moneys received by him to be accounted at the same value as he took them at.

2. To send a letter of thanks to Major George Scutt, for service in the business expressed in a letter to Major-Gen. Desborow of 24 August 1653.

3. Major-Gen. Desborow to order some of his officers in the west to apprehend Major Wm. Scutt, and send him up to Council in safe custody.

4. Mr. Courtney to speak with the gentlemen of the House that serve for North Wales, concerning the forts and other places fit to be secured and strengthened, to prevent risings in those parts, and to represent their opinion to Council.

5. To write to Capt. Scotten, Major Dull, Major Baker, and Capt. Thornhill, that their pains and care in suppressing the distempers in Dorsetshire, expressed in a letter of Major Baker to the President, and in the examinations taken by Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Scotten, is well received by Council; and to desire them to proceed in the prosecution of the parties already apprehended, and to try to apprehend any others concerned in the rising, and cause them to be

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brought before the justices of peace for the county, and they and the witnesses to be examined, and the result forwarded to Council.

6. The triumphs of Cæsar [tapestries], at Hampton Court, to be sent to Sir Gilbert Pickering, for him to take copies of them.

7. Commissary-Gen. Whalley to order two troops of his regiment to march towards the town of Walsall, co. Stafford, to assist the sheriff to suppress riots and unlawful assemblies in that town and thereabouts.

8–10. To write to Thos. Deykin, Mayor of Walsall, and John Sansom, that their letter to the Speaker of Parliament was referred to Council, who, apprehending such unlawful assemblies to be dangerous to the peace, require them instantly to put an end to them, to apprehend the chief rioters and commit them to gaol, and to send the ringleaders up hither. For assistance, order has been given to 2 troops of horse to march to Walsall, and to give notice to the sheriff of the county of their march, and by corresponding together, do this service more effectually. With note of like letters to the sheriffs of the county and to Mr. Dune.

11. To bring into Council to-morrow the pass [? papers] concerning the labourers of the Tower, with the state of that business.

12. To commit Wm. Walwyn prisoner to the Tower.

13. The petition of Stephen Puckle referred to the Committee for Prisoners, who are to take care for the speedy exchange of the persons named.

14. To write to Col. Crompton that Council well accepts of his care expressed in his letter of 29 August, in preventing the escape of Dutch prisoners, and to desire him to continue it, and to send up such passes of the Spanish Ambassador as he meets with, of the nature expressed in his letter.

15. The Commissioners of Customs to direct the tidesmen of Gravesend to go aboard all vessels which come into port, and especially those from Dunkirk, and take account of the names and number of the seamen and vessels, giving them order to send the same by the searchers at Gravesend. The Commissioners also to order the searchers to let none pass but such as came in in the several vessels, whereby the escaping of Dutch prisoners may in great measure be prevented.

16. The town of Poole, Ham, and all the works adjoining, to be immediately dismantled, and the hundreds of Cogdean, Sowsbarrough, and Wimborne to be assistant to Poole in that work. It is to be done by personal service and no tax. Council to write forthwith to Capt. Dewey and Capt. Poticary to take care for the speedy and exact doing of it, empowering them to require the service of the said town and parts adjacent in the work.

17. The Lord General to give Major George Scutt a commission to take the charge of Brunksey Castle, and to allow him 12 men in the establishment from Col. Pride's regiment.

18. To effectually slight Weymouth and all forts and works on that side.

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19. To dismantle Melcomb, all but the fort on the pier.

20. To write to Major Pelham to take care, with assistance of the Mayor and aldermen, for the slighting of Weymouth and Melcomb, and to empower him to exact help from the inhabitants of any village within five miles, as in the instructions for Poole; and he is to give Council an account what ordnance, carriages, and stores are in Melcomb, Weymouth, or Sandsfoot, and what will be wanting or useful for the fort on the pier or Sandsfoot Castle.

21. All works in Portland but the castle to be slighted; and the commander is not to suffer any of the island to come within the works of the castle.

22. To recommend to the Lord General that one company be allowed for Portland and Sandsfoot Castles.

23. To recommend earnestly to the Lord General that a very faithful and discreet person be put in that command, of so much concern in those parts, there being a great dissatisfaction of the person now in.

24. Thos. Boreman, Deputy-Governor of the Isle of Wight, authorised to sell or dispose of the Antelope, now in Newport river, formerly committed to Col. Sydenham's care; what money shall be made out of the said sloop to be employed in repair of Carisbrook Castle, as the Governor shall direct; the guns, carriages, and ammunition belonging to the sloop to be secured by Capt. Boreman.

25. The 10,000 men's victuals ordered for the winter guard to be made in the following ports, viz.:—

London, 4,500.	Portsmouth, 1,000.
Chatham, 2,500.	Harwich, 500.
Dover, 500.	Plymouth, 1,000.

26. The congregated church where John Barbor and John Griffin are pastors, to have the use of the school-house built in Hammersmith, and to meet there every Lord's day for public worship of God without hindrance.

27. The fishermen of Yarmouth and parts adjacent to be protected this season from being impressed into the State's service.

28. The sale of the Beron Poet, John Hardwickson, commander, suspended, and her goods to be restored. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 292–297.]

Aug. 29. Dover. **89.** Thos. Broome to Edw. Marston. Pray deliver the enclosed to William Cullen, Mayor of Dover. Send me word what the Committee for regulating the Excise is doing, with reference to the many complaints against the farmers of the Excise in several counties, and whether they intend to farm it any more, and if there be any new Commissioners of Excise chosen, because the old Commissioners in Brad Street go out at Michaelmas; and when will be the best time to come to London, as these ports have a petition to prefer against farming the Excise to strangers, and that if the Excise must be continued, the brewers desire to farm it themselves. Send an answer by the next post, and you shall have good satisfaction for your pains, as many men are concerned in this business, and have desired me to employ an honest man, and they will pay him. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 29. Leghorn. **90.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Five more Dutch merchantmen made men-of-war have arrived, being part of those who went hence three months since, with 18 sail for Cadiz, and are now to range these seas, having left the rest at the Straits' mouth, where they lie until young Tromp's squadron comes to them, when they will go for Holland together. They have sent three men-of-war with four merchant ships from Cadiz to ply between Scotland and Holland, one of which is the Leopard, formerly belonging to us, which I hope ere this has been recovered.

The Dutch in this port are suddenly going to spread themselves between the Levant and the westward, thinking to meet with 2 or 3 small ships of ours going home from Smyrna and Zante; but they are no better manned than merchantmen, and if Parliament would send a squadron into these seas, they would find but small opposition. There are several of their merchantmen trading between the Levant, Spain, and Italy, which would be rich prizes for our men-of-war.

There was a report here for 3 days that this Prince had an express in 12 days from his resident in London, and that upon its arrival, he despatched several posts to Florence, Venice, Rome, and Naples, but it is now said the express came from Holland or Germany. With copy of his letter of 15 Aug. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 30. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the Scotch officers, prisoners at York referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to report.

2. **91.** The Admiralty Committee to take the account of Gen. Blake, and report it to Council.

3. The proposals of Wm. Thomson, on behalf of the city of Edinburgh, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who are to speak with Col. Fenwick on the contents thereof, and report their opinions.

4. That Committee to take an account from the trustees for sale of the late King's goods, of what are sold and what are not sold, and where and in whose hands those goods remain, and how the proceeds of what have been sold are disposed of; and to report and send the papers remaining with them to Council.

5. Pickering, Tomlinson, Moyer, and Broughton to be a Committee to consider what hangings and other household stuff are fit to be made use of for the service of the State, and what suits and furniture are to be used in every room, and also what persons are to be employed in looking after the State's furniture, and what salary should be allowed them, and to report.

6. The account of the arrears of the labourers of the Tower, returned to Council by Andrew Beale, referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower and the Ordnance officers, who are to take consideration of those claiming arrears, which of them are in actual service, and what is the condition of the others who are dismissed, or who claim as executors of those deceased, and to report. Meantime they are to make an equal distribution of the money assigned for the payment of arrears amongst the present workmen, and such others as they find necessitous.

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7, 8. 500*l.* to be paid out of the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasury to the Lieutenant of the Tower towards the labourers' arrears, and the remainder which was charged on Goldsmiths' Hall to be paid by the Commissioners of Dutch Prizes, in three payments at three months, to be distributed as ordered by Council.

9. The Lieutenant of the Tower and Mr. Emery to sell the scaffold of Paul's church, and give the proceeds to Mr. Frost for Council's contingencies.

11. 76*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* to be paid by Mr. Frost to the Lieutenant of the Tower, for pay of the new raised men, from the time they were in service, to the time that Parliament ordered their muster to begin.

12. Mr. Frost to pay to Major Gen. Munro the arrears of the 10*s.* a week granted him by the former Council for his support in prison.

13. The Lieutenant of the Tower to bring Major-Gen. Munro to Council to-morrow afternoon.

16. The papers brought in to Council by the Commissioners of Customs referred to Tichborne, Courtney, Moyer, and Major, who are to consider what is offered therein, and report.

17. Pickering, Strickland, Lawrence, and Howard to consider the order of Parliament of 27 August 1653, concerning the examinations and papers touching John Lilburne, and to make an extract out of them, and report what they think fit to be done.

18. Lionel Skinner, apprehended by order of the Customs' Commissioners, to remain in custody of the messenger who apprehended him, until further order, and this to be signified to the said Commissioners.

19. To write to Commissary-Gen. Whalley to send 2 troops of horse to the Isle of Ely, with order to disperse several mutinous persons who have thrown down the works of the adventurers of the great level of the Fens, and to examine the ringleaders, and send them and their examinations hither, to be proceeded against according to their demerits.

20. To write to the same effect to Col. Humphreys or the commander-in-chief of his regiment there.

21. The Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers to pay Margaret, widow of the late Capt. Freuen, the arrears of the 20*s.* a week granted her by order of Parliament of June 22, 1650, and to continue to pay it weekly till further order.

22. The substance of the petition of George Tito of Poole to be recommended to the Spanish Ambassador, with a desire from Council that he will procure the release of Thos. Tito, son of the prisoner, detained in Malaga by the Governor.

23. The propositions of Francis White, lieut.-colonel to Col. Goffe, and of the Major of Col. Pride's regiment, for a recruit of arms for their respective regiments, referred to the Ordnance Committee, who are to speak with the officers thereupon, and report.

24. The petition of John White, mariner, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to certify to the Admiralty Committee what should be allowed him, and that Committee to give orders accordingly for his relief.

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25. The petition of Robert Swanley, late commander, and of the owners of the Harry Bonadventure, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

26. That of Allan Botelor and John Colsaert referred to Sydenham, Montague, Major, and Broughton, who have power to receive from the petitioners any information concerning abuses committed heretofore in the Forest of Dean, and to report the same, with their opinions.

28. The Committee for Prisoners to examine the condition of the Scotch Prisoners in custody of the Marshal-General; to discharge such as they think fit, and to direct the Marshal to make no allowance to such as are able to maintain themselves. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 299–304.]

Aug. 30. Ely. **92.** Rich. Gorges and 9 others [of the Adventurers' Company of the level of the Fens] to Robert Henley, Temple Bar, London. The Company was advised from Mr. Hammond of several riots and assaults on their workmen last summer and winter by the Swaffham and Botsham men, wherein Gabriel Appleyard was strongly suspected as an actor and abettor. Their course was to come down disguised so as not to be known. Since the adjudication at Ely, they have continued the like unlawful attempts, and have several times come down in great numbers, and beat the workmen, and thrown in our works. We discovered John Drew of Little Swaffham, and two others, to be of their number, and applying to the justices, had them indicted at the last sessions at Cambridge, where they were fined 20*l.* a piece, and committed to gaol; but subsequently the said justices mitigated their fines to a small sum, and they were then paid, as we conceive, by the town, and the rioters released.

A month afterwards, we found that our works had been thrown in again by a great number of people, and that they had given it out in public that the towns of Burwell, Reach, and the two Swaffhams and Botsham were resolved to rise and throw in our dykes, upon which the Company adjourned to Swaffham, where we examined witnesses, and applied to Roger Rant, the justice there, and endeavoured to show him the danger of a breach of the peace, and the inconveniences of such unlawful assemblies; but we found him very cold and dilatory, and not willing to take notice of my Lord General and the Council of State's declaration of 29 June last, which had been published there, and much slighted by the constables and others at the time. When we offered it him, he said he had seen it, but that he was to proceed upon the known laws. Seeing little hopes of redress there, we applied to Major Tyson, who commanded the regiment here in Col. Humphrey's absence, and upon being acquainted with the depositions as to the combination against us, and the intention of throwing in our works, he afforded us a guard of three or four of his men, to be kept nightly upon our works in Swaffham, and a guard was kept there accordingly.

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On Saturday night, the 27th instant, 80 persons came down, armed with muskets, short pikes, and swords, and discharged upon the guard, wounding one of them very dangerously, and chased away and beat the rest, and forced them to help to throw in our dykes, giving out very high and insolent speeches. We do not know the names of the parties, but are confident that it was done by the meaner sort of Burwell, Swaffham, Reach, and Botsham, and that they are set on and abetted by the better sort of the said towns, amongst which pray see what may be proved by Mr. Barnes against Edmund Drury of Swaffham.

This being a business of consequence, not only in relation to our works but to the public peace, we could do no less than represent it to you and the rest of the Company at London, that speedy application may be made there to those in authority, and able to suppress these tumults, all other means here having hitherto proved fruitless, by reason of the contrary interest and disaffection of the civil magistrates in these parts.

There is likewise an information sent up of an attempt lately made to break the doors of the double sasse at Salter's Load, which were quite to overthrow the whole draining of the south side; and generally on this side the people begin to be very high and riotous, and are no doubt fomented by some of your enemies above. They all talk of Sir Jno. Maynard's petition being received, and that the whole matter is to be re-examined, and they hope revoked and made null, so that the putting off the hearing of that petition is thought here to be an artifice of Sir John to gain time, and in the interim to take advantage of any trouble or disturbance in the State, as they did in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire; whereas if that petition were discountenanced and thrown out, there would be no colour left for opposition, and this side would grow calm by degrees, as the north side is.

Col. Humphreys has certified the Commissary-General and the council of officers of this late insurrection, and we have sent up the wounded soldier, who may be examined, and can speak as to that night's assault, as also Mr. Barnes. 10 signatures. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 31. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **93, 94.** Col. Tomlinson to present to Parliament the report made to Council concerning the business of Hatfield Chase, co. Lincoln.

2–5. Major-Gen. Robert Munroe having this day passed his parole to Council that, in case he should be released from the Tower, he would neither directly nor indirectly act anything prejudicial to the commonwealth, order that he be released and a warrant to that effect issued to the Lieutenant of the Tower; that the arrears due to him of the 10*s.* a week allowed for his maintenance in prison be paid him out of Council's contingencies, and 10*l.* more to enable him to return to his own country.

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6. Col. Tomlinson added to the Commitee appointed by Council for making an extract out of the papers given in Council concerning the passages in the trial of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne.

7. Major-Gen. Desborow to move Parliament to order the Army Committee to allow the pay of the officers of the two new companies raised for the guard of the Tower, as well as the soldiers, it having been the intention of Council, on their passing the report lately made to Parliament, that the officers also should be mentioned.

8, 9. Sir Gilbert Pickering to present to Parliament the report made to Council concerning Viscount Loftus of Ely; and also the state of the case of Sir Adam Loftus, as contained in a report thereon.

10. Sir John Wollaston and Ald. Viner added to Ald. Avery, Mr. Pack, and Mr. Berners, appointed to examine the account between the brother-in-law of the Portuguese Ambassador and Ald. Methold, lately deceased, with the same power as the others.

11. The Commissioners of Council appointed to treat with the agent from Sweden to meet him at 4 to-morrow at Whitehall; Fleming to give him notice.

12. The members of Council now in town to attend to-morrow afternoon, to consider a matter of importance to the State; the Lord General and the Admiralty Commissioners to attend also.

13. Col. Montague to present the petition of Col. Robert Hammond to Parliament.

14. Ald. Tichborne to be President of the Council for a fortnight.

15. The petition of Mary, wife of Wm. Rand referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to procure an exchange for the parties mentioned, who are prisoners to the enemy.

19. Order, on petition of Edward Bysshe, Garter and Clarencieulx, that the restraint lately laid upon the receipt of the public revenue by order of Council be taken off, and that it be left to Capt. Fauconberg to pay him his due, for which warrants have been issued from the Revenue Committee.

20. Order, on petition of Balthazar Van Cuicke Van Meteren, prisoner in the Tower, that he be liberated, and the trunks and goods taken from him by Capt. Tyker, commander of a private man-of-war, who took him in his passage going from the Low Countries to Poland, be forthwith delivered unto him.

21. The Drake frigate and the Hare pink to convoy over such ships as are now ready at Gravesend bound for Dunkirk, and to bring back what ships are there ready.

22. **95.** The restraint laid by Council upon Thos. Falconbridge, Receiver-General of the public revenues, taken off, as to 40*l.* due to Dr. Whichcot, Provost and Fellow of King's College.

23. Order that—as on receipt of Major Jerem. Tolhurst's account for disbursements in the north of England, for horses, saddles, tarpaulins, &c., during the army's being in Scotland, there remained due to him

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1,501*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.* (he owing 500*l.* of it to Ald. Ledgard, treasurer at Newcastle) of which 1,032*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* having been paid, the balance due is 469*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*;—the 500*l.* be allowed to Ledgard, on his accounts, and Tolhurst discharged from payment, the difference of 30*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* being allowed him for his services.

24. Order in Council, on a report on the petition of the participants in the draining of Hatfield chase, presented 14 June last, about riots committed thereon [*see Calendar, June* 1653, *pp.* 373–376], that the 7,400 acres named should be settled on the participants, and a special commission issued to try the rioters. That as they destroyed the corn and rapes, many houses, and even the town of Santoft,—to the loss of the rent of 1,228*l.* a year reserved to the State out of the improved lands,—and disobeyed the decree of justice, the military power should be applied, and the forces quartered in the neighbourhood should assist the officers of justice to keep the participants in possession of the 7,400 acres against all riots. Also that a special commission of oyer and terminer be issued to the judges of assize of cos. York, Lincoln, and Notts, to punish the offenders, and grant the participants reparation for their damages.

31. Mr. Moyer to offer to Parliament the whole business relating to Jersey, viz., that Council, considering all that has been offered about its government, thinks there should be a speedy settlement of civil government for deciding controversies and punishing offenders. That as the laws of the island are written in French, and the natives do not understand English, nor the English inhabitants the laws, the now bailiff, with Hen. Dumaresque and Abr. Herault, 2 old jurates displaced by Sir Geo. Carteret, be authorized to administer justice according to the ancient laws, until the affair be settled.

By the present laws there are 12 jurates to assist the bailiff, and are conjunct equally with him, only that he has a casting voice; and in some cases, as in sentence of death, 7 jurates must concur; and these jurates are chosen by suffrage of all the islanders. This mode of election should be continued, with restriction that those only be chosen who have constantly adhered to Parliament, and that their names be sent over to England for approbation.

The late pretended bailiff, Sir Geo. Carteret, and all the jurates, viz., Philip, Capt. Philip, Ames, Joshua, and Fras. Carteret, Phil. le Geyt, Fras. Carteret of Vincheles, Laurence Hampton, John Piport, Benj. La Cloache, Elias Dumaresque, and Thos. Pippon, should be displaced for delinquency, and 10 new ones chosen, to be added to Hen. Dumaresque and Abr. Herault.

Elias Carteret, the late King's procurator or attorney, John Lettardy, his solicitor, and Edw. Hampton, the vice-count or sheriff, should also be displaced for delinquency, and Benj. Lemprière, Clement Messervy and Capt. Dan. Norman, who is willing to go over as sheriff, chosen in their places.

The bailiff having the appointment of the inferior officers of the court, he is to displace all guilty of delinquency, and put in the well-affected, granting the offices, not for life as before, but for 2 years;

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also all offices to be only for 2 years, unless the supreme power in England think fit to continue them, provided that 6 only of the jurates be changed every 2 years.

The present bailiff, having only a commission from the Committee of Safety, should have a new one, and instructions to alter all proceedings from the titles agreeable to a monarchy to those of a commonwealth.

Instructions should have been issued by Council, in the interval of Parliament, for a general composition of the island for delinquency, (as this would bring in more money and be better resented by the inhabitants than sequestration), but this not being perfected before the sitting of Parliament, Council refers the affair to them. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 297, 298; 306–310; 313–315.]

Aug. 31. Whitehall. Instructions by the Council of State to Col. Jas. Heane. Mich. Lemprière, Dr. Nich. Lemprière, Major Wm. Harding, and Chas. Merrott.

Council, thinking a general composition for the isle of Jersey will be a more speedy and less rigorous way of proceeding with delinquency, appoint you to manage the same:—

(1.) You are to discharge all not worth 10*l.* a year of clear real estate.

(2.) You are to set a fine on all others, whether comprised within the articles of Elizabeth Castle or not, not exceeding 2 and not under 1 year's value of their estates, appointing short times for payments, not exceeding 6 months after setting the fines; and on failure of payment, their estates are to be sequestered, but discharged on payment of the fines. This is not to extend to those who have broken the articles of Elizabeth Castle, or been in arms against the State since its reduction. These cases are to be certified to Council or the supreme power, and their estates sequestered meanwhile.

(3.) Col. Jas. Heane, on the reducing of the island, took up sums to defray the service of divers persons; these sums are to be allowed to delinquents in part of their fines; but if any paid more than the fines, or moneys were taken from those not delinquents, you are to certify, that they may be reimbursed.

(4.) The fines, &c. are to be paid to Chas. Merrott, receiver of the island, who will give discharges, and pay the money on warrants from the Council of State, only you can issue your warrants for incident charges, not to exceed 4*d.* in the pound.

(5.) You are to give accounts of your proceedings to us or the supreme power, and obey our or their further instructions. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 315–317.]

Aug. 31. Wilberton. **96.** Anth. Hammond to Jno. Thurloe, Secretary to the Council of State. My cousin Barnes was sent up with a letter to the members of the Company at London, about a foul business lately committed by the Swaffham and Botsham men, who gathered 80 of their

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number, with all sorts of arms, and in the night assaulted and beat a party of my Colonel Humphreys' troop, who did us the favour to keep a guard upon our works, to defend them from being thrown in by the country, as they had many times been formerly. We have received many affronts from that corner of the country, and applications have been made both to the civil and military officers for suppressing them; but the first wanted will and affection to do us any good, and the other power and orders from their superiors. Indeed, there is no accommodation in the town for quartering soldiers unless they might lie in private houses, which they did awhile, but the officers got them removed, that they might the better play their pranks.

In my opinion, we have such an advantage over them at this time, by this rash action of theirs, that if it be well followed, we may for ever quiet them; but how to proceed against them I must leave to you and others wiser than myself. Only this, if we go by a special commission of oyer and terminer, I doubt the jury will serve us as they did in the case of Jno. Lilburne, and then we are worse than we were before. Nothing would fright and quiet them more than if there were 100 of these desperate fellows pressed for the service; they being all watermen, and having little to do at home, make these night excursions, and show their valour against my Lord General's men, which would be much better employed against the Dutch.

It was a great oversight in some of the Company to let Sir Jno. Maynard gain longer time about the hearing of his petition, for certainly we feel the effects here of that delay, the people growing troublesome, and by influence from Sir John combine against us, and raise money to bear the charge, and are framing very large and clamorous petitions against us; so that when he comes to make good his petition, instead of reason, he will produce a multitude of other complaints, when certainly the Company's interest had been to have brought it to a speedy hearing; and when that had been cast by, all other places would have been quiet, finding no hope of relief from the House. Meantime I doubt Sir John's party here will take the advantage of any trouble or misfortune that may happen to the State, to rise and destroy our works, as they did in Lincolnshire, for we are in the same danger of him that the State is of Lilburne, the only likely man to make a change.

P.S.—I have committed the custody of the south bank of Bedford New River to Mr. Ewen, giving him the fishing and pasturage of the bank, and 20 marks a year, which gives him good satisfaction.

My wife presents her service to you both. [1¾ *pages.*]

Aug. ? **97.** Answer in detail [by the Adventurers] to a petition objecting against the late Act of Parliament respecting the draining of fen lands, co. Cambridge, and elsewhere, by Francis Earl of Bedford, Sir John Maynard, and others, because

1. The parties interested by the Act are made judges;
2. The Act destroys property;
3. It enacts impossibilities and falsities;

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4. The draining was declared a monopoly by the remonstrance of the late Parliament in '41, and the present Act is obtained through the interest of Parliament men, the petitioners being unheard.

Also answer to exceptions annexed to the petition.

The work was originally undertaken by the late Earl of Bedford for the public good, the profits were not considerable to the charge and hazard, and most, if not all of the Adventurers, with the said Earl, ruined themselves by the undertaking; the present Adventurers engaged to perfect the work upon the authority of an Act of Parliament, there has been nearly 300,000*l.* expended in it, and the yearly charge for repairs is estimated at 10,000*l.*

The works for the draining are such as are not to be seen elsewhere. A large and fertile country is gained to the commonwealth, though with the ruin of some of the Adventurers, and the undertaking is worthy of the care and countenance of Parliament. The Act itself is honourable and necessary, and there is sufficient provision thereby for all just complaints. The Adventurers therein are the losers, and hope they shall not appear guilty of any other fault than indiscretion in hazarding their estates for the good of the public. [7 *sheets.*]

Aug. **98.** Petition of John Merritt, anchorsmith, to the Admiralty Committee. On Friday the 15th, a man came into my shop at Redrith Wall with your warrant to search for State's goods, supposed to be there. Having never bought nor concealed such goods, I showed him all I had, and among them he found a parcel of old shot, which I had bought a few at a time from people crying old iron that brought them to my shop, but not from any in the service. For this I am put to much trouble, and summoned before you, though I have given him proof of my honest way of living. I beg to be cleared from this calumny and trouble. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Aug. **99.** Petition of Anne, widow of Abraham Rogers, quartermaster in the Levant merchant, to the Council of State, for consideration for the loss of her husband's clothes, &c., value 12*l.*, in an engagement with the Dutch at Leghorn, after which he went in the State's service to Venice.—*Noted:* Nothing can be done. [1 *page.*]

Annexing,

99. I. *Certificate by Capt. Step. Marsh to the truth of the petition.* 28 *Aug.* 1653. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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Sept. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **1, 2.** The Admiralty Committee to order convoy for a ship of Sir James Hope's, now ready to go off from the coast of Ireland.

2. Order on petition of John Pemberton, minister of John's parish, Chester, that Capt. Falconbridge pay him 56*l.* 5*s.*, being ¾ of 75*l.* due to him for ¾ of a year ending Dec. 25, 1650, for officiating in the said place, notwithstanding the order of restriction from Council.

3. Tichborne, Courtney, Moyer, Major, Montague, Tomlinson, and Broughton, to be a Committee to take care of the improvement of the revenue of the Customs, and to manage that business according to the directions given to the Committee of the Lords and Commons formerly appointed for that purpose, or to the late Committee of Parliament for the Navy. They are to proceed against such persons as they find defrauding the commonwealth of customs, and inflict on them the lawful punishment, and to relieve such persons as address them, whose cases they find fit to be relieved, against the rigour of the law.

Also to consider petitions presented from any whose friends are prisoners in Tunis, Algiers, or any other place in the Mediterranean or other parts, and to consider means for their redemption, taking account of what moneys are already paid in, or shall be paid at the Custom House for that use, and report to Council.

Also to examine what licenses have been granted by the late Council of State, the late Committee of Parliament for the Navy, or by the Council since the dissolution of Parliament, for the import of goods useful to the State, and the shipping thereof, the goods, or the manner of import, being by law prohibited; to take account what proportions of the several commodities have, since the granting of the said licenses, been imported on the account of the parties to whom they were granted; and in case they find that there has been neglect in not importing the necessary amount of goods for the service, or that any of the warrants have been abused, they are, on full proof, to punish the offenders.

4. **3.** A letter from Ely, dated August 30, and directed to Mr. Henley, referred to Capt. Howard and Mr. Strickland, to consider whether there be any occasion to apply more strength to quiet the insurrection therein mentioned, and to report.

5. Order on a report from the Committee for Prisoners in the case of John George, committed by the late Council, that he be released on giving security to Commissary-Gen. Whalley for future good behaviour.

6. **4.** The petition of Anne, widow of John Moore, slain at sea in the service, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do as in cases of a like nature.

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Sept. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

7. The petition of Sir Peter Killigrew, with the papers annexed, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and state the fact.

8. Order on that of John Earl of Crawford, that Mr. Phelps examine his books as to what was done by the Commissioners lately sent to Scotland, and certify whether any order was given by them for allowing the lady of the said Earl the fifth part of his estate, for maintenance of herself and children.

9. Order on report of Col. Rich and Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, concerning Capt. Manley's farming the office for postage of letters,—representing that Nicholas Reader of Norwich, John Edwards of Dover, and Mr. Bull of Bury, should not (*sic*) be prohibited carrying of letters by post, on penalty of being taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-arms;—that the said Nich. Reader and the others be prohibited from carrying letters by way of a post betwixt London and Westminster and the places of their habitations, on penalty of being taken in custody by the said Serjeant.

10. The Commissioners for Prize Goods and their agents, the State solicitors and proctors, and Mr. Violet, to be ordered forthwith to meet and confer with Dr. Walker, and to look up all their informations touching the silver and lading in the Samson, Salvadore, and George, and to take down in writing all the preparations of evidence and proofs thereupon, and draw a full plea by his advice for the protection for the State's interest, and to give in the names of all the material witnesses they know of, that the points may be proved by them, and the witnesses brought in and examined, that the commonwealth may suffer no default in those businesses.

11. The papers of Lord Lagerfeldt this day given in to Council referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer, and report it.

12. The petition of Gerrit Meynart, merchant, referred to the Deputy-Governor of Dover Castle, to examine him, and if his condition is as represented, to dismiss him, and allow him to pass into foreign parts. [*J.* 70, *pp.* 318–322.]

Sept. 1. Whitehall. Instructions by the Council of State to Rich. Lawrence, sent to Constantinople.

You are to carry and deliver letters of revocation to Sir Thos. Bendish, who has been Ambassador there, making the same known to the Grand Seignior and Vizier.

You are to reside there as agent, till an Ambassador is sent, or till further order, attending particularly to merchants' affairs and the privileges of trade, Sir J. Bendish informing you of all that is needful.

You are to give Council frequent notice of your proceedings, and of the state of affairs in those parts. [*J.* 70, *pp.* 322, 323.]

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Sept. 1. The Nightingale, Plymouth. **5.** Capt. Jno. Humphrey to the Council of State. I received a letter of advice from Wm. Rowe, that I and other men-of-war were to ply between Ushant, the Start, and Land's End. Having convoyed the 30,000*l.* from Chester to Dublin, I showed the letter to the Lord General of Ireland, who permitted me to come for the Land's End; I stopped at Pendennis Castle for orders, but finding none, have came to Plymouth for them. Seven or eight Brest men-of-war lately chased an English merchantman into St. Ives, and I hear they are gone to waylay our East Indiamen and other merchants. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 1. Navy Office. **6.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. Two months since, we sent an estimate of the charge of this summer's fleet, showing 1,115,000*l.* required to be paid before 31 December, without including the second rate ships intended to be built, or the winter guard. Since then there has been another engagement at sea, whereby much prejudice has been done to the hulls and tackle of the ships, which have both drained the stores, and added much charge.

Notwithstanding this, finding no considerable provision made for money, we conceived it necessary to lay before you the daily clamours we undergo for want thereof, and the vast and unreasonable charge the State is at in the price of commodities, besides the disreputation it lies under, in having our contracts broken and credits laid low; whereas if your debts were paid, and money were seasonably provided, we might save you 20 per cent. in prices.

It is not imaginable what the advantage is in payment of mariners at their first coming into harbour, for whereas 10,800*l.* would pay off every 1,000 men that have been nine months at sea, if they lie but one month unpaid, it will cost the State 13,000*l.*, and if in merchant ships, 14,000*l.*, which is 300*l.* per cent. interest. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 1. **7.** H. Howard to Viscount Conway, Petworth. Thanks for your letter and medicine, which I would have tried had it reached me earlier, but I was absent from Albery, and my ague had left me; however it cured a servant of mine. I am now going to Flanders and Holland, and if you have any commands for me there, direct to the porter at Arundel House, who receives and sends my letters thither. Present my humble service to my Lord and Lady Northumberland; I crave their pardon for not waiting upon them. [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 2. Order in Parliament referring to the Council of State the petition of the French and Walloon congregations in and about London.

Also the petition from the Lord Mayor, aldermen, and common council of London; they are to receive from the petitioners and others informations of any who have traduced Parliament, or reflected on their authority. [*J.* 90, *p.* 16.]

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Sept. 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings

1. Pickering, Carew, and Montague to be a Committee to speak with Thurloe on a business of concern committed to him, and they are to be under the same oath of secresy concerning it as Thurloe is.

2. **8.** The Admiralty Committee to provide masts and such other provisions as are necessary to be furnished from foreign parts for the navy, and from time to time to order fit convoy for ships appointed for that purpose.

3. **9.** The Admiralty Committee to prepare fit instructions for the ships on the western coast, and those which are now going thither, and to despatch them to the ships speedily.

4. The Commissioners of Council appointed to treat with M. de Bordeaux to meet him at 3 to-morrow at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

5. Mr. Thurloe to prepare something declaratory for preventing frauds to the State in the not making of ships prizes, by their calling themselves Hamburghers and Lubeckers when they really belong to the enemies of the State; and if possible, to offer the same to Council to-morrow morning.

6. 200 barrels of powder to be sent to Ireland for service there, and the Irish and Scotch Committee to despatch it.

7. **10.** The number of ships for the next winter guard to be 80.

8. No business to intervene when the debate shall be taken up concerning the finding of money for the State's service. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 325–326.]

Sept. 2. The Resolution. **11.** General Monck to Capt. Wm. Hill of the Worcester. You are, upon sight hereof, weather permitting, to sail with the Bristol and 17 frigates, and ply off Heligoland until the 18th instant, and observe the instructions of Capt. Roger Martin of the Bristol, whom I have appointed to command you and the rest of the said ships. You are to be very careful, while on that station, not to give chase any further than to return again by night into the body of the squadron, so that upon any emergency you may not be separated; if you shall be found to offend wilfully herein, you shall not only be cashiered, but suffer the loss of your wages for the time you have served.

After the expiration of the time limited for this service, you are to expect further orders from Capt. Martin. As he is not at present in the fleet, you are to take charge of the squadron, and use his instructions as fully as if they were directed to yourself, until you meet with him, and then deliver them up to him, with such other instructions as are herewith sent. With note of a like letter to the other captains, the last clause excepted. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

Sept. 2. Near London. **12.** Capt. Rich. Badiley to Robt. Blackborne. Although innocency and a good conscience be a sufficient buckler against the tongues and pens of malignant spirits, yet considering that truth and the justness of a cause may be somewhat eclipsed for want of

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clear witnesses, as some now going to sea may be useful to me, pray procure me a copy of the allegations against me before the Irish and Scotch Committee, and my servant will call for it. [⅔ *page.*]

[Sept. 3.] **13.** Petition of Thos. Horwood, and other merchants and inhabitants of Barnstaple, co. Devon, to the Council of State. The sad and deplorable condition of the town and port, occasioned by the many losses the merchants have sustained by the Irish, Prince Rupert, and others, and in later times, and even now by the Brest and Dutch men-of-war, enforces us, like men in the last extremity, to appeal to you. In times past there were divers ships of considerable burden belonging to the harbour, and in some years, 50 or 60 of them have been set out for fishing at Newfoundland and New England, by means whereof not only many thousand persons were kept on work, but much excise and customs accrued to the commonwealth, by the several merchandises imported. Now however we are not able to set forth above 10 or 12 ships in a year, and those of very small burden, in comparison of those which are lost. Also we formerly had 150 smaller vessels employed to France and Ireland with merchandise, and to Wales to fetch coals and limestone, whereby a further large number of persons were employed, and the industry of the people, and the flourishing condition of these parts might have been justly proposed as an example to most parts of the nation; but now the port and channel is so vexed and infested by the daily incursions of the Brest and Dutch pirates, that we tremble to consider of the impossibility of the return of that small remainder of our Newfoundland ships, which are expected home two months hence, with the proceeds of 10 months' labour, unless some speedy course be taken both to secure their return, and to give enlargement to the smaller vessels, which now scarcely dare stir out of the port, whereby many poor families are reduced to beg their bread. We entreat the appointment of some vessels to clear and secure the channel. As your late unparallelled engagements have shown you tender of the nation's honour, we trust you will regard our safety, that the sad hearts and watery cheeks of the oppressed may bless you, as the repairers of our English Israel. 25 signatures. [1 *sheet. Noted as presented by the Mayor of Barnstaple.*]

Sept. 3. Whitehall. **14.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 329.]

Sept. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Tichborne, Sydenham, Moyer, and Carew to be a Commiteee to consider of instructions for regulating the office for the sale of prize goods, and to report.

2. Liberty to be given to Mrs. Lilburne to repair to her husband, now a prisoner in the Tower, provided that when she goes to him, she remains there with him, and that no access is occasioned to him or herself by her being there.

4. The paper of the deputy of Bremen of to-day referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report. [*I.* 70, *p.* 324.]

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Sept. 3. Trinity House. **15.** Committee of the Trinity House to [the Admiralty Committee]. On an order of the Council of State of 13 Aug. 1653, some of our Committee, with several pilots from Deal, Margate, and Rochester, met for finding out a new south channel; and having made soundings between the Woolpacker and the Spell, have discovered a far better and more convenient channel than that between the Spell and the Last. We recommend that two new white buoys be laid there, so as to distinguish the new from the old channel, and notice given in such places as may be thought fit. 8 signatures. [*Copy*, ¾ *page.*]

Sept. 5. Order in Parliament on a letter from several prisoners in Horne, dated Aug. 13, 1653, that it be referred to the Council of State.

That the same powers which were in the Navy Committee as to the redemption of captives be vested in the Council of State, and their orders observed touching the issuing out of moneys, as though done by order of the Navy Committee. [*I.* 90, *p.* 19.]

Sept. 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. **16.** The letter from Capt. Thos. Spurling, from the Little President, dated the 31st August at Falmouth, and that from Capt. Humphrey, abroad the Nightingale at Plymouth, of the 1st instant, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

3. **17.** The letters from Capts. Spurling and Blowfield, and from John Arthur, Vice-Admiral of co. Dorset, concerning the taking of 2 Brest pickeroons, with a list of the prisoners taken in them, and all the papers found in them, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to issue a commission for the trial of the English, Scotch, and Irishmen taken in the vessels, and for the execution of justice upon them, as their trial shall prove them to deserve.

4. Mr. Moyer and Broughton to be a Committee to peruse the letters and papers sent to Council from Major Scotto, Capt. Dewie, and Mr. Baker, to extract the substance of them, and bring the same to Council, to be reported to Parliament.

5. The Committee for regulating Customs to inform themselves of the condition of certain persons taken going over in the packet boat under pretence of being Dutch merchants, and now at Dover Castle, and to acquaint Council with what information they receive, that the men may be dismissed or further secured.

6. To write to the Commissioners in Scotland to recommend the petition of John Forbes, and to desire that the estate therein mentioned to be under arrest from them may be freed, the arrest taken off, and the petitioner left to enjoy it, being his only means of subsistence.

7. The petition of John Nuthall, mariner, prisoner in the Poultry Compter, referred to the Committee for Indemnity, to give relief if they find it in their power.

9. The state of the case of Martin Lister, Hugh May, and Charles Valois, as contained in the annexed papers, to be presented to Parliament by Mr. Moyer, for their resolution.

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Sept. 5. 10. To write to Wm. Briscoe, Thos. Langley, and John Bewis that they are to keep Mr. Stan in possession of the living of ——— in Cumberland, in which he was settled by the Commissioners for the 4 northern counties, until further orders by Parliament or any they shall authorise.

12. **18.** The Admiralty Committee to send for the Navy Victuallers, confer with them concerning the victualling of the next winter guard, and report the state of the whole business of the victualling of the fleet.

13. The debate concerning the business of the navy to be resumed next Thursday. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 332–335.]

Sept. 5. Botsham. **19.** Major Ro. Swallow to Edw. Whalley, Commissary-General. We spent part of Saturday and to-day in endeavouring to discover the actors or abettors of the late riot, but the business is so much in the dark, and so subtly and cunningly carried out by the country, that no considerable discovery is yet made, neither is there much probability of it for the future. The most material evidence is against Edm. Drury, whose examinations are enclosed; yet as we saw no cause to detain him prisoner, or to send him to London, he is discharged, but we refer the matter to the Council of State, who may command his appearance if they think fit, he being bound in 1,000*l.*

The other examinations are with Col. Humphreys, and some other persons are detained prisoners until the evidence, which are his 2 soldiers, return from London, when he intends to proceed against the prisoners.

I have ordered a party out of his troop to march to Lincoln as a convoy to the money for London, and will dispose of the rest of the troop according to order next week, and while at Norfolk, will take the liberty to visit some friends. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

19. I. *Examination of John Withers and Thos. Garrett of Chatteris. Mr. Drury of Swaffham, seeing the workmen building a hut for the soldiers to lie in, said that it would be down again in a few days, and that the work should not go on, whereupon two of the troopers said there was an order to fling the bank about, to which he replied they could dig a spit or two on both sides the dyke, and fling it in to hinder the drain from running, and that he and others would do it though they were upon the ground; to which the soldiers rejoined it would trouble them to have a sword laid across their backs, and then Drury said if there were* 2,000 *or* 3,000 *of them, he cared not, for they were as well armed as they.*—28 *August* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

19. II. *Examination of Jno. Ethers of Chatteris, labourer, before Major Ro. Swallow and* 7 *others. While building a hut for the troopers, Mr. Drury said that it would be down in a week, and that the drain should not go as it was, to*

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which a soldier replied there was an order to have the bank spread abroad. Drury rejoined it was but taking a spit on each side, and throwing it in, and it would hinder the drain from running, and that if they did come to throw the drain in, 3 or 4 score would come with fowling pieces, and what would 3 or 4 soldiers do against such a number? Whereupon another soldier answered that if they came, and he was upon the guard, he would run his sword across their backs. Drury replied that if the country were as well armed, they would not care for 2,000 or 3,000 of them. Also,

Examination of Wm. Glanfield, one of Col. Humphreys' troop, to the same effect.—3 September, Swaffham, co. Cambridge. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 5. Hamburg. **20.** David Heckstetters to Rear-Admiral Jno. Lawson. If you were as sensible as we are here how ready these people are to take the first impression of news that makes for the Hollanders, and how hard it is to remove it afterwards, you would think it worth the time to put pen to paper, this place being the centre of news, which is dispersed both good and bad into all parts, as Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Germany, &c. Though we are not wanting to divulge our own news, yet generally the Hollander gets 8 days' start of us, by which means he has beforehand possessed such as are never so little hanging after them, as indeed all princes and courts in these parts are.

The Hollanders do us much mischief in this river [Elbe], for our ships come in here as a safe harbour and meet with danger; there are 3 capers of 24 guns and 114 men lying before Gluckstadt, besides 2 others gone to sea, but where we cannot learn, as the people upon this river are generally disaffected towards us, so that all the English run extraordinary hazards, and as soon as the convoys are gone, we shall again hear of their capers. The mischief would be easily remedied if our men-of-war seized the Hollanders in this river, as their trade is 5 times more than ours, and richer, they carrying as costly wares as either the East Indies or the Straits afford. Upon this ground I would advise it might be done; not that I would have this bar made unfree, but to free it; and in a short time, and at small charge, we may take much more from them here than they have yet taken from us. This being done, I would not advise its being confiscated or made away with, but to send to this town to know if they own this river or not, or who pretends to be the owners of it; if they disown it, then to keep what is taken but if they own it, then let them know that we do not seek to disturb their river or trade, but to have satisfaction for what has been taken, and to propound that if they will give satisfaction for what has been taken, and procure the Hollander to declare this river free, then we will also declare it free, and deliver all we have taken.

This would be a way not only to free this river, of which, during these wars, England will have much need, but would also procure

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satisfaction to the State and the suffering parties, and would much vindicate the honour of our English; for what may the world think of us to permit the Hollanders to take our ships in this river, and we looking on, though in our power to right ourselves? especially seeing none will own this river as yet, and so long as none will own it, no royalty is violated.

These people are so much dissatisfied with us that so long as we suffer, they will laugh and look on, but if the Hollander should suffer, and we disturb this stream, it is probable they would show themselves. Prizes are daily brought in to Gluckstadt, which with the goods are suffered to be sold, but nothing declared prize.

P.S.—The Dane has refused to lend the Hollander any of his ships, and it is thought he will secure himself of the Hollander's East India ships, as by their advice he did of ours; a traitor to all. [*Damaged*, 1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 5. **21.** Copy of the above. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 5. Leghorn. **22.** Chas. Longland to the Admiralty Committee. There are 6 Dutch ships in this port, although 5 departed this morning towards the east to look after the Tripoli men-of-war, who lately fought with a Dutch merchantman richly laden from Smyrna; she fought 2 days, and by good hap shot down the Turk's mainmast, and so got into Messina, and these 5 ships are gone to convoy her hither.

Since our nation has been ousted of the Turkey trade, the Dutch and French send twice as many ships thither as formerly, so that if the Parliament should think fit to send a good squadron of 20 sail into these seas, you may see what good purchases there will be for your frigates, and sufficient no doubt to maintain the fleet. Many other advantages of great import might rebound to our State by keeping a powerful fleet in these seas, as well in relation to France, Spain, and Barbary, as the free trade of our own nation.

The Dutch have much boasted this week of a great victory obtained over our fleet upon their coast; our English letters bringing news only of their engagement made us silent therein, but I received one from Marseilles that our fleet has taken, sunk, and burnt 30 of their best ships, and taken 1,000 prisoners, all which we hope will be confirmed by our next week's letters from England. Meantime the Dutch are somewhat silent, and the Italians begin to discover the forgery even of their States themselves, who on the last victory obtained 3 June by our fleet, wrote their agent here that they had only lost 4 ships, which letter he showed under their hand and seal in the public place. Upon the death of Tromp, the States gave a commission to his son to command these seas, by which it would seem they intend to keep a good fleet here.

A bark has arrived from Algiers, and reports that Mr. Oneby, the consul, is dead, that there were 60 English captives there earnestly waiting for liberty, and that 10 others, taken upon Dutch and French ships, were likewise detained for their port charges. The presence of a fleet would bring off these men and many others. With copy of his letter of 29 August. [2½ *pages.*]

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Sept. 5. Portsmouth. **23.** Thos. Bacon to Edw. Marston. I desire you will ascertain from Capt. Phillips whether he has received my power of attorney and bill of exchange for 20*l.* I leave it to you and him to manage my business, and compound with Capt. Phillips, sending your letters to me at the Red Lion, Portsmouth, by the carrier who starts from the Queen's Head, Southwark. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. The report to Parliament concerning Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne to be offered to-morrow afternoon by Mr. Strickland.

3. The persons who gave testimony to Council concerning Lilburne's deportment in foreign parts to come to swear to the truth of what they delivered.

6. Strickland, Montague, Lawrence, and Courtney to be a Committee to consider the petitions of Elizabeth Turgis, widow, and of Mons. Augier, late resident in France, and to report.

7. Major-Gen. Desborow to report to Parliament the establishment which is prepared for the maintenance of the forces appointed for the garrison of the Isle of Man.

8. The Governor of Newcastle to send up a particular of all shot in the stores of the garrisons of Newcastle and Tynemouth, and to cause such part as may be spared to be delivered out for the use of the fleet, in such manner as the Admiralty Committee shall direct.

9. Order, on petition of John Sealy of Bridgewater, merchant, that the orders made by Council concerning the William and Thomas of Aberthaw be taken off, and the parties concerned left to their course at law.

10. Order, on report from the Admiralty Committee, on the petition of Peter Whittie, captain of the Freeman, that the said Committee examine the account, and order payment if they think fit.

11. To answer to the petition of Bridget Powell, widow, that Council have no power to give any order in what she desires.

12. **24.** The Admiralty Committee to order payment of 150*l.* granted to Anne, widow of Capt. Rob. Batten of the Garland, slain in the service. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 338–340.]

Sept. 6. Council of State to Capt. Willoughby Hannam of the Katherine. As you are appointed to convoy some merchantmen to Gottenburg, you are, as far as Providence enables you, to seize and take, and in case of resistance, to sink, fire, or destroy all vessels belonging to the United Provinces, or the Kings of France and Denmark, and such prizes as you take bring into these ports for adjudication and disposal, but so that you have due respect to the safety of your convoy. [*I.* 70, *p.* 340.]

[Sept. 6.] **25.** Proposals for managing the forests, chases, and parks of the late King, less offensively to the people, for the good of the commonwealth:—

1. To inquire by commission what belonged to the King since 4 Jan. 1642.

2. What in possession, in lease, in fee farm, and what right of common.

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3. To make exact surveys of the quantity and quality of the lands and profits of woods.

4. To compose the claims for common pasture, estovers, &c., by equitable allotments of proportionable parts.

5. To sell the rest to the best advantage, in assistance whereof the old perambulations and other ancient records should be looked into.

By improving the forests, &c., much will be made habitable, churches and chapels erected, tillage enlarged, the poor employed, the people increased, and the service of the commonwealth much advanced. [1⅓ *pages.*]

[Sept. 6.] **26, 27.** Reasons by Wm. Ryley, clerk of the Records in the Tower, why those records should be used about the survey of forest lands:—

1. That the ancient perambulations and forest records are there.

2. That by them the right of the commonwealth thereto is discovered, and false claims avoided.

3. That by ancient commissions, &c. a means may be found of quieting differences which may arise in the intended improvement of forests.

Ryley, having been clerk 28 years, offers to act as Surveyor-General, and can serve at a small salary, on account of his knowledge of all these records, if the supreme power will confer the office on him. [2 *copies.*]

[Sept. 6.] **28–30.** View of such improvements and services as may be done by Wm. Ryley, clerk of the Records in the Tower, in the public work concerning the rate or improvement of the forest lands.

The ancient forest bounds are set forth in the perambulations of 29 Edw. I., still in the Tower, confirmed by divers Parliaments, and are yet in force, though much infringed by the two late Kings, by sales, grants, and disafforesting. The usual mode of disafforesting is by a commission directed to persons of quality living in the county, with articles of instructions as to ascertaining the bounds; they settle by a jury of 20 men of the county the claims and interests of persons and townships, certify on new erections, assart lands, fees of forest officers, spoil of woods, killing of deer, &c. They also certify the submissions and agreements of the lords, freeholders, and servants within the forests. [3 *copies,* 3 *pages each.*]

[Sept. 6.] **31.** Notes of a commission, and instructions given 5 Charles to Sir Mich. Wharton and others for disafforesting Galtres Forest, Yorkshire, probably intended as a precedent for the foregoing paper. [3 *pages. Draft.*]

Sept. 6. **32.** List of forests and chases which were within the survey of the Exchequer, or duchy of Lancaster, with notes of sale or disafforesting. [*Draft.* 6½ *pages. Noted: Endorsed for the Earl of Oxford.*]

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[Sept. 6.] **33.** List of forests sold or disafforested, in part or in whole. [2½ *pages.*]

[Sept. 6.] **34.** List of forests not sold. [2 *pages.*]

[Sept. 6.] **35.** "The heads of several precedents," viz., orders, warrants, &c. concerning forests, extracted by Ryley out of the collections of his father, Wm. Ryley, sen., who was clerk of the Iters in 1637 and 1638, when Henry Earl of Holland was Lord Chief Justice in eyre south of the Trent, being the titles of 102 documents. [5 *pages.*]

[Sept. 6.] **36–39.** Notes from patents relating to the forests, from 16 Edw. II. to 5 Charles I. [4 *papers.*]

Sept. 6. **40.** Capt. Geo. Bishop to the Council of State. I have already signified that my call hither was to manage intelligence, which for some short time I did, without being added to any Committee or other business; but for the better managing of that trust, I was afterwards appointed secretary to the Committee for Examinations, &c., which office upon no other account I took, and so declared, and to this Committee I was ordered to bring my intelligence.

Afterwards no orders were made me of that nature, but I continued in course from Council to Council, in the same employment, and as I had occasion of money, upon motion made by some of the Committee, Council ordered accordingly, the Committee leaving the whole management of intelligence and the disbursements thereof to me, and never interfered, although I often desired it, they having had more experience therein; at the end of every year Council appointed a Committee to receive my accounts, which were always passed without hesitation.

Council not reviving that Committee last December, I went on as before, and presented what intelligence came to hand to Council, who gave me a warrant for payment of my disbursements, and although I petitioned for their discharge, I did not obtain it.

Upon the late change, I also continued, although Mr. Scott ceased to supply his intelligence, and out of respect to all, I waited on the Lord General with what I had received as to the state of affairs in Holland, and other things of consequence to the ending of the war, and from time to time gave his Excellency and Council what I received from my agents. I acquainted his Lordship with the chargeableness of my employment, and that for several months I had not received any money, and desired a settlement, which he often promised, and said it was not fit I should continue between two any longer. The like I did to Major-Gens. Harrison and Desborow, and other members of Council, and as notice came of bills charged on me to pay, I sometimes inserted it on the foot of the intelligence; although it was not pleasant to manage things in that manner, yet until I received a discharge, I dared not in point of duty desist; besides Council, for some time after the change, had little or no money in their treasury, which made me more willing to supply their occasions.

I never intended, from the first day of my coming hither, to set up a tabernacle, but have constantly pressed, as the affairs of the

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commonwealth would permit, to be dismissed, I having here little advantage except the loss of my calling, the prejudice of my estate, the wearying out of body, breaking of my health, neglect of my family, and encountering temptations of all sorts, prejudices, censures, jealousies, envies, emulations, hatreds, malice, and abuses, which the faithful discharge of my duty has exposed me to, in no small measure, besides other mischiefs designed on me by the enemy, and the keeping of 600*l.* and sometimes 1,000*l.* always ready by me of my own money, to carry on my correspondence when Council had no money in their treasury; I formerly have been out of purse from 300*l.* to 500*l.* at a time, which few others were. This money, if employed as opportunity here served, would have brought me in no small increase.

As to the continuance of my employment, I am not yet discharged from that part which relates to home-bred treasons and conspiracies, though I suppose little of that is expected from me, in regard that, notwithstanding what I and my agents have discovered to his Excellency and several members of Council, as also of the general and particular designs of the enemy, and their intended assassination of his Excellency, and what the Jesuits are carrying on for their cause and the King of Scots, yet I am not desired to improve them, or to take care thereof. I have, according to my duty, given information of those things, and whatever evil may ensue, it will not lie at my door.

I desire your pleasure as to my full discharge, and as I have received mercy from the Lord to be faithful to the commonwealth in all its turns and dangers, not serving any man or myself, but in order to the will of the Lord and the common good, notwithstanding my many discouragements, so I shall, through the same goodness, persevere as I have opportunity in my private capacity and retirement. [2⅓ *pages.*]

Sept. 6. Dartmouth. **41.** Stephen Knowling, clerk of the check, to the Navy Committee. There are several Dutch and French pirates riding in Torbay, and so near Dartmouth that the ships dare not stir out. The Lily frigate boarded a man-of-war of Brest, off the Land's End, and after her captain, lieutenant, and 3 more were slain, and 6 or 7 much wounded, brought her into Torbay, but the Lily had 7 or 8 men wounded. A Dutch ship with French salt has also been brought into Dartmouth by a private man-of-war. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 6. Ipswich. **42.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I ordered the Thomas and William and other ships named to come into the river with all speed, and more would have sailed but for the weather. Particulars of ships. Some ships should be appointed to ply about the Land's End, where much mischief will be done by pirates, if not prevented. Several ships having come in with water and beer, I have re-shipped it for the fleet, to save the great expense of transport. I have sent away such of the sick men at Ipswich and Harwich as have recovered, and those who have lost their limbs or are incurable, I have sent to London, and am arranging for the proper care of the

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remainder, as well here as at Aldborough and Southwold. A person will soon be required at Harwich to look after naval affairs and supplying of stores. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 6. **43, 44.** Order in the Committee for Public Debts that Col. Rob. Castell report to the House the following grants of annuities, for want of payment of which the parties and their families are in great want, and therefore the arrears should be stated among the public debts and paid :—

	Annuity.	Arrears.
Sir Hen. Holcroft for attendance on Irish affairs.	280 mks.	266*l.*
Lady Borlase for service of her husband, to whom she brought an estate of 7,000*l.*	500 mks.	3,500*l.*
Lady Marg. Levingston for service to the Queen of Bohemia.	60*l.*	495*l.*
Bridget Bray for service and an estate of 7,000*l.* which she brought her husband.	200*l.*	1,948*l.*
Judith Hobson for service and an estate of 2,500*l.* brought to her husband.	100*l.*	1,380*l.*
Frances Blandew for service to Queen Anne.	20*l.*	130*l.*

[2 *copies*, 1 *page each.*]

[Sept. 7.] **45.** Petition of Geo. Boschaert of Hamburg to the Council of State, for speedy hearing of his cause by the Admiralty Judges, that he may be preserved from ruin. Returning from Spain, was taken by English ships, and has waited many months to prove his interest in what he claims, being his whole livelihood, but wanting friends, must perish unless some one or more of the Admiralty Judges be ordered to hasten his cause. Has waited 10 months, and they will not proceed on the present order. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 7. **46.** Order thereon that the Admiralty Judges proceed speedily to determine the case. Also note that Mr. Advocate answer to Council for the contents of this order. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 345.]

[Sept. 7.] **47.** Petition of Mary, widow of Roger Rockley, to Cromwell and the Council of State, for a gratuity or pension for herself and two small children. Her husband was always well affected, and served in the Centurion, under Capt. John Lawson, where he died of a mortal wound. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 7. Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [*I.* 70, *p.* 346.]

[Sept. 7.] **48.** Petition of Wm. Hunter, master of the Jacob, Robt. Jacob, master of the Edward, and Rich. Briant, master of the Julian, to the Council of State, for a convoy to Seine Head, Normandy, their ships being laden with London goods of great value. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 7. **49.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to order the Drake frigate as convoy. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 348.]

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Sept. 7. **50.** Petition of Jas. Jackson, commander of the Green Olive of Ipswich, to the Council of State. In February last he petitioned Council for payment of 87*l.* 10*s.* for freight; being engaged by Col. Fitch, 20 July 1652, for carrying letters and packets to the fleet, went to Capt. Pestell then in the Orkneys, was 3 hours pursued by Van Tromp's fleet, and spent a fortnight in the service. The Council of State referred him to the Admiralty Committee and they to the Navy Commissioners, but Parliament being dissolved before the report was made, the Navy Commissioners now refuse to act, as it was a case in which the complainant's service is concerned. Begs relief. [1 *page, damaged.*] *Annexing,*

50. I. *Former petition to the Council of State alluded to.* [1 *page.*]

50. II. *Reference thereon by the Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners.*—21 *Feb.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 7. **50***a, b.* Reference of the present petition to the Admiralty Committee. With their reference, 1 Oct., to the Navy Commissioners. [*Also I.* 70, *p.* 348.]

Sept. 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To write to the bailiffs of Aldborough to take notice of their care in preservation of the goods belonging to the prize ship lately wrecked there, and to desire them to continue it, and use their best endeavours that none of the said goods may be seized by the Vice-Admiral's deputy, but secured for the use of the State.

2. Mr. Strickland added to the Committee for regulating the Customs and also for regulating the Prize Office.

3. Such matters as shall come before Council relating to Excise to be transmitted to the Committee for Inspection, which is empowered by Parliament to take care of things of that nature; and the order of Council of July 26, concerning Mr. Hammond's case, to be transmitted to the said Committee.

4. Major-Gen. Desborow to order the officers of his regiment of horse in the western parts to have a special eye upon all who were officers in the late King's army, and to secure such as now ride armed and hold meetings in those parts, to the endangering of the public peace, to examine them concerning their suspicious carriages, and to report.

5. The Lord General added to the Committee for conferring with Mr. Thurloe about a proposition of concern, and the said Committee to consult with any other persons they think fit, putting them under the same secresy with themselves.

6. Roger Lestrange to attend the Committee for Examinations.

7. To write to the two justices of peace next to Melford, Suffolk, enclosing the petition of the people of that place, and to desire them to take care that Mr. Wood, who was settled in the rectory by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, be quieted in possession of the same.

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8. To write to all the members of Council now out of town to make their speedy repair to Council, in order to the carrying on of the affairs of the commonwealth.

9. No particular business to be brought into Council till next Monday week.

10. All the members of Council in town to be desired to come to Council to-morrow at 3 p.m., and the Lord General to be particularly desired to be there.

11. The Committee of Council appointed to treat with the Spanish Ambassador to meet him at 5 next Friday at Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice.

13. The petition of divers poor women for their relations, now slaves in Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli, referred to the Committee of Council for the regulation of captives.

14. **51.** The petition of Susan Vayley referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider and report.

16. To order Major Wigan to withdraw the guard of soldiers which, by order of Council, was placed upon the ships Samson and Salvadore.

21, 23. The petitions of Susanna Vale and others, on behalf of their sons now in captivity; and that of Walter Elford, merchant of London, referred to the Committee for regulating the Customs.

24. The petition of the 6 gunners of the Tower, with the papers annexed, referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to examine what is due to them and certify, and also of what use the said gunners are now in the Tower, and whether necessary to its security.

27. Order on petition of John Weaver and Wm. Fetherstone, and of the annexed report from the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, that it be left to the Committee to make the petitioners an allowance of 12*d.* in the pound for their discoveries if they shall see cause, and that the restraint formerly laid upon the treasury be taken off as to the payment of the sums which shall be coming to them upon this allowance.

30. The desires of Col. Fitch, touching carriages for guns and other particulars, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

31. To write about Capt. John Bonamy to the jurats of Guernsey, who are to do him justice as a person well deserving for his good affections, and to take notice of the affront done to the magistracy, in what was offered him. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 342–349.]

Sept. 7. Rotterdam. **52.** Thos. Woodhead to Ralph Parker, Flushing. By order of my Lord of Derry I send you a list of ships taken on the English coast. I also find, after long searching, that there is another called the White Daisy, but what her lading was when she went home I cannot ascertain, nor dare inquire; but if you write to Ostend, where she is, you may know whether yours be the same vessel. I am sorry you have not sent the 4 rolls of tobacco. Jamot says there there were

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6 in all, and that there are no more than two engaged; for aught I see, betwixt you and him I am like to be cheated, but I hope you will take a little care for me. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To order the Marshal-General, or others who have any of the Dutch officers in their custody, to take especial care to secure them that they may not escape.

2. Approval of what has been done by the Committee for Prisoners, in securing such merchants and others as have been secured by them, upon the escape of Peter Schellinger, rear-admiral of the Dutch fleet, out of their company, when he was permitted to repair to them in London.

3. To write to the Commanders-in-Chief in Scotland, to order the civil officers in the counties and corporations of Scotland now in office to continue, till further order from Council for making new elections.

4. **53.** To declare that Council holds to the former resolution for providing victuals for 10,000 men for the next winter guard.

The Admiralty Committee to send for the Navy Victuallers and confer with them, and take care they proceed effectually in making ready the proportion of victuals declared.

5. The petition of John Pinchbeck referred to the Committee for Examinations, to examine at their next meeting, and report.

6. Sam. Brewen to be minister at Stirling in Scotland, in the room of Mr. Bragg, and with the same yearly allowance.

7. Mr. Strickland to offer to Parliament, as a thing necessary for despatch, that such registers in the Tower as concern private persons' rights, securities, conveyances of lands, bonds, and contracts, with their warrants, and processes of plea, be forthwith sent to Scotland, to be disposed of as the Commissioners for Administration of Justice shall think fit.

8. The petition of Nath. Manton, merchant of London, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 352–354.]

Sept. 8. The Resolution. **54.** Thos. Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. The General sailed from Aldborough Bay on the 29th ult., with 18 men-of-war, for the coast of Holland, and next day saw 40 sail of busses, of which the Martin galley captured two. Towards morning we met Rear-Admiral Lawson, and hearing that De Witt had gone with his fleet towards Norway, a council of flag officers was held, and it was resolved that all the great ships and merchantmen should go in, and only a few frigates be left to scout on the Holland coast. We were hindered by weather, but the fleet is now off Yarmouth, waiting for a wind to come up the river. The Newcastle spent her mainmast in the storms, and is ordered into Yarmouth. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 9. Order in Parliament—on information of abuses by persons counterfeiting Letters Patent, or orders from Council of State, for licenses for collection of moneys on charitable pretences, whereby people have been cheated and abused,—that the Council of State take care to suppress and prevent the like abuse for the future.

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Also that they take care that such registers as concern private persons' rights, securities and conveyances of lands, bonds and contracts between parties, with their warrants and all processes of plea, be sent back to Scotland, to be disposed of as the Commissioners there find expedient; and that such as are of public concernment and for the benefit of the commonwealth be kept here. Also that they take care for the safe keeping of the Records in the Tower. Also that the persons who have charge of the registers which remain be empowered to give extracts of them to such as desire them, and that the extracts have the same validity in Scotland as extracts made there from such registers have had. [*I.* 90, *pp.* 20–21.]

Sept. 9. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the company of merchants trading into the East Indies to be considered next Monday, and the members of Council now in town to attend.

2, 3. St. Nicholas, Strickland, and Lawrence to bring in the names of two persons fit to be appointed Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland, and Mr. Marsh and Mr. Owen, 2 of the present Commissioners, to be dismissed.

4. Order on petition of the Mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of Weymouth and Melcomb, that the materials belonging to the fortifications of the town, which are now to be demolished, be given to the said town, for repair of the pier and bridge, and other public uses. Desborow, Howard, Sydenham, Courtney, and Cooper to consider that part of the petition which relates to the disposing of their militia, and report.

6. Order on petition of Allan Boteler, John Colvert, and partners, that whereas Council have appointed Major Wade to take care of the woods in future, for the time past, if they have any abuses to complain of, Col. Sydenham, Col. Montague, Mr. Major, and Mr. Broughton will receive their informations. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 355–356.]

55. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Capt. Peter Whittie of the Freeman, that the said Commissioners examine his account, and order payment if they think fit. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 9. **56.** Commission by the Keepers of the Liberties of England to Edw. Marston to make the Grace of Feversham, Capt. Robt. Brett commander, a private man-of-war, with power to seize all ships, vessels, arms, &c. of the French, Dutch, and of any other nation who shall receive any commission, letter of marque, or other authority from Charles Stuart, the late King's son, or Prince Rupert; as also all ships and vessels going to or coming from any port or place in hostility to the Parliament; and to bring the same to judgment in the Admiralty Court. With endorsement by Capt. Brett, appointing Lieut. Wm. Gregory his deputy and commander-in-chief of the said ship, for executing this commission during his illness.—Rye, 23 Dec. 1653. [*Parchment,* 1 *sheet.*]

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3. Jones, Courtney, Broughton, and Sydenham to be a Committee to confer with such persons as address them in order to making any discoveries, and to receive their propositions, and report.

4. Courtney and Jones to inquire of the Irish and Scotch Committee what is done by them for supplying ammunition to Ireland and Scotland, and to report on Monday.

5. To write to Col. Lilburne in Scotland of the intelligence given, and desire him to order the ships near Leith to be watchful, and also to give notice overland to the ships gone to the islands, that they may likewise look out; and to desire him to take care to secure the island of Lewis by raising fit fortifications.

6. The artillery ground in St. Giles' appointed for keeping prisoners, and 50*l.* to be paid out of prize goods to the Committee for Prisoners, to make it fit for receiving them.

7, 8. The petitions of Benjamin Gostly and Elias Nicoll referred to the Committee for Customs.

10. Major-Gen. Desborow to order some of his officers in the country to send up — Odbar in safe custody to Council, to be examined concerning his part in the conspiracy for surprising Poole.

11. The deputies from Scotland now here to be paid their allowance from 12 August 1652 to 3 June last, and those of the deputies who returned to Scotland to be paid for the time they stayed here only, and warrants to be issued for their payment as formerly.

12. The Commissioners for Inspection to send to the Commissioners in Scotland to give an account of the public revenue there, as to what has been received and paid since the departure of the English Commissioners.

13. To write to 2 justices of peace inhabiting next the parish of Wickham Brux, Kent, to take care that Ed. Alexander, the incumbent, be settled and continue in quiet possession of the living.

14. Sam. Bruen to have 20*l.* paid him by the Commissioners in Scotland, for travelling charges thither, beside the 200*l.* a year allowed him as minister at Stirling.

15. Mr. Strickland and Sir James Hope desired to deal with Mr. Owen concerning his going to preach at Edinburgh.

16. 100*l.* to be paid by the Commissioners in Scotland to the secretary of the deputies from Scotland, for his attending in that employment.

17. The petition of James White referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

18. **57.** The Admiralty Committee to take up such merchant ships as they think fit, not exceeding 10, to be employed on the next winter guard in lieu of some of the State's great ships now to come in.

19. Hewson, Pickering, Sydenham, Moyer, Courtney, and Jones to be a Committee to consider Capt. John Vernon's petition concerning the transport of some Irish children to England. The said Committee to meet next Monday, and to send for Capt. Vernon or any

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other persons relating to Ireland, to consider fit means for executing what is there propounded, and report speedily.

20. Major George Gardin to be released, on engagement to act nothing contrary to the Parliament or present Government.

21. The ship appointed to carry money for payment of the garrison of Guernsey to bring thence two brass culverins to Portsmouth or the Tower, and the Governor of the island to deliver them. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 357–361.]

Sept. 10. **58.** Request by the Adventurers for the Fens to Council, for an order to Col. Humphreys and Capt. Dale, and the other officers in the level of the Fens, to examine all riots and outrages committed within 2 years, in disturbance of the work of draining the great level of the Fens, and to send up the actors and abettors to Council. The last order of Council only extended to the last riot committed at midnight. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 10. Hamburg. **59.** Rich. Bradshaw to the President and Council of State. I have sent, under convoy of 4 ships of war, two ships of masts and one of powder, and enclose particulars. There was not any of the sort of shot you ordered, except a small proportion in one man's hands, who would not part with it unless I would take a quantity of unserviceable stores; so I have ordered 40 tons of the shot you wrote me to be bought of a private merchant at Stockholm, and shipped to Lubec, whence it may be brought hither by land and fresh water, as the merchants bring all their goods now out of the Baltic Sea, and it will be no greater charge than to have bought it here.

I will endeavour to get more powder in remote parts, this city, Lubec, and parts adjacent being drained by the Dutch, Dane, and Russ, Poland failing them; but I must entreat you to give speedy order to the Commissioners of Customs to send me another letter of credit for 10,000*l.*, being in hopes soon to procure powder to that value at least, only I must have the money ready here to pay for it as it comes in, or it cannot be effected. I will be as provident as I can.

I have 50 more masts from 15 to 25 palms, most being from 20 upwards, but they could not be sent for want of a fit ship. I hope to get these and a good proportion of powder and shot ready for another convoy, before the frost shuts up the river, of which I will give Mr. Thurloe weekly notice.

The Dutch men-of-war in the river have done much spoil of late upon the English, and still continue to seize what they can, being much encouraged by seeing your men-of-war tied up from meddling with them, or any of the enemy's ships or goods; otherwise they might have seized many vessels daily passing by their side of great value, and then no doubt this city would have declared who owns the river, and have used means to protect the English therein, who, if some speedy course be not taken, will shortly be shut out of the river, as they are out of the Sound, which is the Dutch design, and

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if it takes effect, it will be of ill consequence to the commonwealth. [1¾ *pages.*]. *Enclosing,*

59. 1. *Particulars of casks of powder, and* 114 *masts, shipped on board the Mary Ann of London, and the John Baptist and the Katherine of Hamburg.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 10. Victualling Office. **60.** Navy Victuallers to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have considered your proposals, that if the State declared for so many men for 6 months for the winter and summer's guard as that their victuals should amount to 195,000*l.*, then our payments should be 30,000*l.*, partly by way of imprest, and the rest by 1,500*l.* a month for 11 months, beginning 1 Oct., and so in proportion for a greater or lesser number of men.

Considering your readiness to do what the emergent occasions of the public will admit, we submit to your proposal, though far short of what our contract, according to your interpretation of it, would afford us; only with this small variation, that the monthly payments may be ten, at 16,500*l.* a month. Let our payments be fixed upon some good receipt, where we may have punctual payment, and thereby be enabled to carry on your service, and our credit the better supported, as we shall make considerable use thereof to secure so great a bulk of provisions. Let the respective proportions of victuals for this winter and next summer's guard be distributed by affixing the number of men to the several ports. The formalities of certifying and ordering our payments we leave to you, and desire to be heard as to those things which concern the better and more speedy securing of our provisions, and the regular issues and expenditure thereof. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 10. Gloucester. **61.** Major Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Committee. I will cause the shot to be cast and sent to Bristol, but desire to know to whom it is to be delivered. I want men to be put on to square the timber after the wood-cutters, as it would save waste, and nothing would go towards making charcoal but what is proper; that fit for ship-building may be carried to its destination for 8*s.* per ton. We could supply pigs of iron at 3*l.* a ton, and shot at 4*l.* Our two furnaces are capable of casting 50 or 60 tons of raw iron a week in pigs, and 20 tons of shot. Details of the ironworks. The timber in the forest should be protected, or the iron mines will be of no use. [2½ *pages.*]

Sept. 10. Liverpool. **62.** Rich. Dermott to the Navy Commissioners. I send muster-books of the Nightingale. She is fit for better service than to return between these parts and Dublin, under the notion of transporting a little money, when for a small charge for men and guns, she might keep the Channel clear of pickeroons; but the commanders ordered this way find such a sweetness in transporting passengers and goods for Dublin, that they never care to leave these parts. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 11. Ramsgate. **63.** Capt. Jno. Goulding to Edw. Marston. I enclose a note to your friend, Mr. Yate, of my willingness to accept his terms in effecting the business relating to my commission; if you have any doubts as to procuring it, let me know. [¾ *page.*]

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Sept. 12. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. — Streeter to be committed a prisoner to the Gatehouse, for publishing seditious pamphlets.

2. To write to ——— to take notice of the driving in of a ship at Plymouth laden with sugar, who pretended to be a Hamburgher, and to desire him to make search for the bills of lading, letters, &c., and send them up to Council, and to secure the goods from embezzlement.

4. The petition of John de Vous referred to the Committee for regulating the Customs.

5. Liberty to be given to Agneta, wife of Col. Robert Philips, now close prisoner in the Tower, to repair to her husband, provided she remain there with him till further leave; otherwise only to speak with him in presence of the Lieutenant of the Tower, or such other as he shall appoint.

6. The Lieutenant of the Tower to cause the trunks which were taken by Capt. Tyker, and are claimed by Balthazar Van Cuyck Van Meteren, to be opened in his presence; and in case he shall find the goods are not merchandise, to cause them to be delivered to Balthazar, or otherwise to certify their qualities to Council.

7. The letters from the commander of the Hopewell pink and from Capt. Arthur from Weymouth, dated the 9th inst., referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider and report.

8. Order, on a testimonial this day at Council by Thos. Goodwin, on behalf of Henry Hickman, M.A., fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, that Hickman officiate in the ministry at Brackley, co. Northampton, till further order.

9. Order, on testimonial of the inhabitants of the chapelry of Goostry, co. Chester, on behalf of Thos. Edge, desiring him for their minister, that he officiate in that place till further order.

10. **64.** The petition of Edm. Banfield referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider his condition and administer fit relief.

11. The sum of 985*l.* 16*s.* disbursed by Capt. Bishop for intelligence, to be paid him from Council's contingencies, and he dismissed further attendance on that charge.

12. The petition of Col. James Graham referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to consider and report.

14, 15. The letters from Capt. Spurling from aboard the Little President in Weymouth Roads, dated the 10th inst; and from the Mayor of Dartmouth, of the 9th inst., with the enclosed examination, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

16. Mr. Lawrence to take care that Mr. Goodyeare and Mr. Ruworth be asked whether they will willingly accept the employment of judges in Scotland, Council having thought of nominating them to Parliament therfor.

17. Council, having considered how many men are to be provided with victuals for the winter and summer guard, declare that victuals be made for 36,000 men for 6 months, from October 1 to April 1. The Admiralty Committee to send for the Navy Victuallers, confer with them thereon, and report.

18. The Admiralty Committee to order the making a dry dock in

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the State's yard at Woolwich, and to order payment of disbursements in the doing thereof.

19. Also to inquire whether the yard and dock belonging to the East India Company be fit for the use of the navy, and if so, to treat concerning its value, and report.

20. The Admiralty Committee to consider of proportioning the 36,000 men's victuals to the several ports in which they are to be made for accommodating the service, and to report.

21. Order, on petition of divers well-affected in the parish of Whaley, co. Lancaster, that Jonathan Scofield officiate in the ministry there till further order.

22. Order, on petition of the President and Governor of the corporation for the poor,—concerning the room detained from them by one of the Ordnance officers, in the house of the Minories lately granted them by Act of Parliament,—that the room be delivered up to them at once, or else cause shown to the Council within 6 days. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 363–366.]

Sept. 12. **64***a*. Copy of Nos. 7, 14, 15, 18, and 19 of the above entries; all references to the Admiralty Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 12? **65.** Capt. Thos. Spurling to the Admiralty Committee. I present my explanation of the combination against me by Clary and his confederates.

As to the 1st prize, it was only proved that the boat went 4 times on board, and brought back some tobacco and sugar, all between decks.

As to the 2nd prize, the report of Wm. Harris, and depositions before the Mayor of Plymouth about goods being taken out by orders signed by me, are false. The accusations about the cloth in the 3rd prize are false and inconsistent.

I confess that finding, after we set sail, that there were a few bundles of plundered goods on board, I assented to their being divided, it being the first transgression of the actors, and I wishing to avoid inconvenience. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

65. I. *List of* 6 *persons who have taken for themselves anchors, cables, &c. of the Hare pink that was cast away.* [1 *page.*]

65. II. *Note that Capt. Jas. Cadman affirms that Busby got* 10*s.* 3*d. at Dover by pretending to be chief messenger of the Admiralty Committee, and promising courtesies to Thos. Wiles and Peter Wappell.* [⅓ *page.*]

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2. The Committee for Prisoners to take the account of the Marshal-General's disbursement for keeping Dutch prisoners.

4. The petition of Thos. Smithsby and others referred to Mr. Fauconbridge, to state the fact, and to certify speedily, with a particular account of what has been discovered by them.

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5. The petition of Mary Grassly referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to take care that an exchange be procured for her husband speedily.

7. **66.** The Admiralty Committee to contract with the East India Company for as much of their saltpetre as is necessary for the service.

9. Order, on petition of Adam Jennings, merchant of London, that the Commissioners for sale of Dutch Prizes deliver him 2 prize ships fit to fetch masts and deals for the service, at the rate at which they shall be appraised, in lieu of 2 Danish vessels formerly ordered him.

10. Order, on petition of Christopher Jarrott, that the Commissioners for the sale of Dutch Prizes order their deputy at Hull to permit Jarrott to have the 2 galliot hoys and a fly boat lately brought in thither, at the full value at which they are appraised.

11. Mr. Broughton to report to Parliament the two drafts of Acts prepared by order of Parliament, the one declaring what shall be treason, and the other for the setting up of a High Court of Justice, with the list of the persons to be put into commission for that court, as passed by Council.

12. The order of 30 August last, for selling the scaffold about Paul's Church, London, and the execution of anything ordered in pursuance thereof, suspended till further order.

13. Order, on petition of Nynian Williamson, merchant of London, that the Hunter be discharged from seizure, and that the master, James Adams, have liberty to proceed on his voyage with the ship and lading.

14. **67.** Capt. Robert Vessey to be commander of the Fox frigate, and John Parker to be master and commander of the True Love.

16. Order that the proportion of victualling for the next winter and summer guard be 37,000 men's victuals, for six months from Oct. 1, to be provided by the Victuallers of the Navy at the rates agreed upon by their general contract, in the following proportions, viz.:—

	Winter.	Summer.
London and Chatham - -	8,000	41,000
Dover - - -	500	1,000
Portsmouth - - -	3,000	2,700
Plymouth - - -	1,000	800
Harwich - - -	500	4,200
Kinsale - - -	300	500
Yarmouth - - -	—	500

17. A commission and letters of privilege and assistance to be granted to Walter Marks and Wm. Barber, to make 4 cwt. of saltpetre weekly, in cos. Chester, Salop, and Stafford, and in the cities and towns therein, and to deliver in into the Ordnance Office, Tower, according to contract. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 367–370.]

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Sept. 13. Council of State to the person who has the Hunter in custody. Council is informed that the Hunter, Jas. Adams, master, passing from Dieppe to Leith, on account of Edinburgh merchants, was seized by a man-of-war under Capt. Rob. Thorpe, and carried to Hull, a pass from Col. Lilburne notwithstanding. You are therefore to discharge the vessel, and allow her to proceed on her voyage. [*I.* 70, *p.* 371.]

Sept. 13. **68.** Answer by David Lindman, of Nettin, in Pomerland, Sweden, master and part owner of the Fortune of Stralsund, to the Keepers of the liberties of England, to 24 interrogatories not given.

The ship was built at Stralsund and was never in Holland, and was laden by subjects of the Queen of Sweden; no Hollanders or Frenchmen have any share therein, and it was bound for Bremen. The captain, Jer. Smith of Hull, and company of the Advice, who seized his ship 23 June 1653, took all the clothes, &c. of captain, passengers, and crew, and the bills of lading came into the captain's hands. Had a passport from his Queen and the city of Stettin. 29 Aug. 1653. [7⅔ *pages.*] Also,

Inventory of the goods seized in the ship; total value, 426*l.* 10*s.* [6 *pages.*] Also,

Like answers by Jacob Sarlson, of Stralsund, steersman of the Fortune, to the like effect, 30 Aug. 1653. Endorsed with note of discharge of the ship and goods, 13 Sept. 1653. [5 *pages.*]

Sept. 14. Order in Parliament that an Ambassador Extraordinary be sent to the Queen of Sweden; that Lord Commissioner Whitelock be the Ambassador; and that the Council of State take care that his attendants and retinue be such as shall be approved of, both for number and quality.

Also that they prepare all things for his despatch; and a commission and instructions to be given to him, and report. [*I.* 90, *p.* 21.]

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1. Lawrence, Strickland, and Pickering to be a Committee to consider what preparations should be made for setting forth Ambassador Whitelock on his embassy to Sweden, both as to his train, the money to be provided, and the shipping for his passage. They are to confer with him thereon, especially about his retinue, and acquaint him with Parliament's desire that fit persons be chosen, and to desire him to give in a list of such as he shall choose. They are to ask Viscount Lisle what of the provisions allowed him for his embassy are in his custody, and proper for Whitelock's use, and to appoint fit persons to receive the said goods. The Committee are to consider the whole business, and report.

4. Mr. Lawrence to acquaint Parliament from Council that the late Parliament, judging it fit to send an Ambassador Extraordinary into Sweden, chose Viscount Lisle; by reason of the dissolution of the said Parliament, there was some interruption given to Viscount Lisle, and when he was desired to proceed, finding himself out of health, he desired to be excused, whereupon Council, still wishing to send the embassy,—the Queen of Sweden being favour-

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ably inclined to the commonwealth,—pitched upon Lord Whitelock, who was willing to go. Thereupon Council offer him to Parliament to consider of his fitness for that service.

5. The bringing up of Mr. Whetenhall in safe custody, and the warrant of Council to that effect, suspended.

6. The business of the opening the trade to France to be considered next Friday.

8. Montague, Broughton, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to consider how the order of Parliament of the 9th instant, concerning the sending of Scotch records to Scotland, may be put in a way of speedy execution, and to report.

9. Pickering, Courtney, Major, Strickland, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to examine the abuse practised upon the people by carrying about false briefs in the nature of letters patents, whereby considerable sums of money are gathered, to the prejudice of the State. They are also to consider of something to be published in every market town to stop the said briefs, and to report.

10. Sydenham, Pickering, Moyer, and Strickland to be a Committee to repair to the Whitehall Committee, to acquaint them with Council's desire that none of the servants of Council be removed from their lodgings, as they were appointed them for the convenient discharge of their duties.

11. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare instructions and a commission for Lord Whitelock's embassy to Sweden, and to bring them to Council.

13. The petition of Peter Carey referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 372–374.]

Sept. 14. London. Levant Company to Rich. Midelton, consul at Petra. Yours of 18 Jan. from Zante is the first we have received from you, whereby we are informed you were confirmed in your place of consul, in which we hope your care and industry will answer our expectation, in the advancing our trade, and preserving us from all unjust charges which the Turks are apt to impose upon us, an instance whereof is already given in the 250 dollars spent by you on occasion of so many boats being sent in one day with currants for the Bonadventure, and in which you have no reason to think us concerned, as we were in no way interested in the ship, which being laden by Mr. Farrington, an unfreeman, you are to expect reparation of anything disbursed on that occasion from him, and not from us. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 214.]

Sept. 14. London. Levant Company to [Hen.] Riley, consul at Aleppo. We received yours, with Mr. Morden and Mr. Sawyer's accounts, and are sorry for your trouble in bringing the same to a head, and especially for the occasion thereof, viz., the tyranny of the Basha, and the terror of the plague, which has caused such great destruction there; for what we want credit therein, we desire you to be mindful of doing us right.

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We have also received your account for the last six months, which with your former account will be considered. We are well content that you have again accepted the business of treasurer, and desire you to retain it until we can engage some other person, and to content yourself with the small salary formerly allowed, of 2,000 dollars, without the addition of any gratuity, the present distraction of the times and the meanness of our trade not permitting us to afford more. The consul at Smyrna has submitted to the same terms, in consideration of our present condition. Sir Thos. Bendish having been called home from Constantinople, for our ease in that charge; Rich. Lawrence is appointed to reside there as agent until the trade shall encourage us to maintain an Ambassador; address yourself to him on all occasions of the Company concerning the Factor Marine. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV.*, p. 215.]

Sept. 14. London. Levant Company to Sir Thomas Bendish. We advertised you of Parliament's intention to call you home, out of a design to send some other person to succeed you, with power and commission from themselves; but on the Company's solicitations, that resolution was forborne until the expiration of the time of your contract with us. Since then there has been so great and almost a total declination in our trade that it renders us unable to maintain an Ambassador at Constantinople, and that office for the present is altogether needless, and Parliament have now resolved upon your revocation, and sent Rich. Lawrence with their letters to you to that purpose, and with other letters to the Grand Seignior and Vizier.

Although our want of trade is such that there is no need for the residence of any person there, yet he has agreed to remain there for the present, until, by a peace at home and the advance of trade abroad, we may defray the charge of another Ambassador. You must not expect any entertainment from us after his arrival, except the 1,200 dollars which we have ordered our treasurer to pay you, towards the charge of your return. We intreat you to receive the bearer with all courtesy, and give him all the assistance needful. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 216.]

Sept. 14. Levant Company to the Treasurers and Factors at Constantinople. Parliament having recalled Sir Thos. Bendish, and appointed Rich. Lawrence to remain as agent until the enlargement of trade shall give encouragement to send another Ambassador, you need not be informed how much it concerns us to use all frugal means for easing our charge, which we have desired Mr. Lawrence to make his chief design; we hope he will not want your aid in this and what else may conduce to the advantage of trade. He is to receive 500 dollars within 20 days after his arrival for his charges, and 4,000 dollars for a year's salary, by four quarterly payments, the first quarter to begin on his arrival, which you are to satisfy, as also 1,200 dollars to Sir Thos. Bendish, towards his charge of returning home, as we are by covenant engaged. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 216.]

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Sept. 14. London. Levant Company to Spenser Bretton, consul at Smyrna. We have received yours, and notice your difficulties through want of money and trade, and the leviations and loans occasioned thereby; but this we presume has made the arrival of the African and Stamboline more welcome to you after so long a want of shipping, the former of which is, (after our long expectation of her return,) detained at Malaga by the Dutch fleet. However we hope it will please God to continue us in a capacity of going on in our trade, for which end several other ships are now preparing, by means whereof we hope the debts you mention will be extinguished, at a moderate leviation.

We take well your readiness to submit to the condition of the times, and content yourself with the ordinary salary, waiving your gratuity of 1,000 dollars, which we allowed you for your two first years only, until we become better able to remunerate you. We approve of your resolution of dismissing Signor Dant, one of the supernumerary dragomen, and thank you for your advice to those adjacent islands, for preventing the hazard and surprisal of that Flemish man-of-war which lay before your port. We are sorry you have been so long without a minister, having long since elected Dr. Browne, but he being now otherwise designed, we shall take care for some other to be sent you, with whom we will make such a provision that he shall not be over burdensome to you. Your answer concerning Dixwell Brent shall be made known to those it concerns here, who say that certain books and papers of his were left in your hands.

Touching the factors' leviations, we are sorry they dispute a thing so full of reason; we are loth to give way to such a precedent, yet we are also loth to put you upon extremities, by imprisonment and seizure of their goods, unless we had greater encouragement in trade. If you cannot prevail with them in a friendly way to comply, use your discretion in conniving at half leviations, provided they observe the conditions of giving in upon oath an exact account of their principals' and their own goods consigned to them, and satisfy the Company's duties thereon. We say the like concerning the allowance of 8 per cent. on what money they have disbursed on public occasions, wherein they should bear some part of the burden with us; but we suppose there is but little of their money now owing, nor that there will be much occasion for any, but that the trade will of itself bear the succeeding charge. As for the loan of three dollars a cloth on the African, as it was raised on an occasion of necessity, we cannot disallow of the interest of the country to be paid.

We have received your list of the customs paid there, as also of the leviations upon the ships; there is no mention of the persons from whom the respective sums are received, by which means those interested here do not know upon whose account to charge them. We send by Rich. Lawrence the letters of revocation of Sir Thos. Bendish, and have agreed with Lawrence to remain at Constantinople as agent until we can maintain an Ambassador. Assist

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him in the promotion of our trade, and address him on any occasion that may concern us. As for the treasurer's employment, we suppose Mr. Hardy and Mr. Pentlow continue therein, as not only the Company, but Aldermen Riccard and Hunter, their principals, desire it. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 217, 218.]

Sept. 14. London. Levant Company to Rich. Hardy and Saml. Pentlow, treasurers at Smyrna. We have received your letters, and are sorry for the occasion of your complaints for want of trade and shipping, and the burdens of leviations and loans; we do not wholly despair of seeing them in time eased, the coming of the African thither having, we hope, well helped in your occasions. The two bills of exchange mentioned by you as payable to Capt. Ashley and Geo. Joate were omitted in the list sent you, and therefore you have not erred in paying a part of them.

As to our gratuity to the consul, we have ordered him 1,000 dollars a year for his two first years only, but must suspend the future allowance thereof until we are in better capacity; he must content himself with his salary of 2,000 dollars. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 218.]

Sept. 15. Order in Parliament that the Council of State be empowered, in the discovery now proposed to them, to give a full ¼ of such discovery as shall be received and had for the use of the State. [*I.* 90, *p.* 22.]

Sept. 15. **69.** Petition of Saml. Everard, Dan. Ferrakes, Jno. Jurion, Robt. Whitby, and others interested in the lading of the Endeavour of London, to the Council of State, for an order to allow the ship to proceed to Malaga and other parts of Spain, and for her crew of 24 hands to be protected from impress. Have been waiting in the Downs for convoy, but as one cannot suddenly be had, must proceed, as their goods are perishable. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 15. **70.** Reference of the portion relating to protection from impress to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 376.]

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4. 15. Order on the petition and annexed certificate of Grace Hopton and others, that the restraint laid by Council on the treasury at Goldsmiths Hall be taken off in this case, and that the treasurers pay the arrears of the weekly pension due to her, and continue it as formerly.

5. **71.** The petition of Susan Miller referred to the Admiralty Committee.

8. To consider the appointing of the winter guard to-morrow; and the members of Council now in town, especially the Lord General, to be desired to come.

9. The proposition of Mr. Freeze referred to the Committee for consideration of discoveries.

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10. Jones, Carew, Strickland, Hewson, and Broughton to be a Committee to examine the business of contriving, printing, and publishing a scandalous pamphlet lately come forth, called a Charge against the Lord General. They are to take in writing the examinations of any who can give knowledge thereof, and report; to order search to be made in suspicious places for the press, and the said printed papers, and to bring such as they find to Council; to break open any letters suspected to contain any of the printed papers, or intelligence relating to them; to peruse and keep, or dismiss them as they see cause, and to report to Council from time to time.

11. **72.** The Admiralty Committee with Strickland, Jones, Major, and Broughton to be a Committee to consider how to manage the Ordnance Office to the best advantage, and to report speedily.

12. The Mint Committee and the Lieutenant of the Tower to consider what allowances should be made to those employed on the business of the silver taken out of the Samson, Salvadore, and George, over and above the officers of the Mint, and to report.

13. Order for a warrant to the treasurers for moneys raised in Cornwall on the Militia Act to pay to Lieut.-Col. Jos. Hunkyn, Governor of Scilly, 150*l.* remainder undisposed of, towards making up 280*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* which fell short in the sum assigned for Scilly by the defect of a high collector.

14. To write to the Judges of the Admiralty Court in Scotland to proceed against the ship belonging to Denmark mentioned in their letter of the 8th instant, as taken by a privateer and brought in there, according to the rules and rights of the Admiralty Court, and the tenure of the commission of the privateer that took her. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 376–378.]

Sept. 15. Gloucester. **73.** Major Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Committee. I want the sizes of the shot required. I will take care of all timber felled. I hope to supply the shot in the time I named, but Sir John Wintour's forge is inconvenient, and there are no forges now in the forest, they having been all demolished, and to set one up will cost 200*l.*; but I will view the place, confer with the masons and carpenters, and then report. A settlement of the government of the forest is of no small concernment for its preservation, as hundreds live upon the spoil thereof. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 15. Southampton. **74.** Martin Peale to Fras. Willoughby, Navy Commissioner. I have had one man very badly wounded under my care 3 weeks, and been at great charge as Mr. Blake can testify; also Stephen Rudston and Jno. Painter who were cured and sent to Portsmouth. I have another under treatment for a wound in the knee, who might also have been cured had he submitted to amputation, but he defended himself by fencing with his knife, and would not suffer anyone to come near him with instruments to take it off. I have since taken out of the wound a piece of iron 3 inches long, and hope to see as gallant a piece of work performed for him as ever has been done. [1 *page.*]

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Sept. 16. **75.** Petition of the Mayor, jurats, common council, and other inhabitants of Dover to the Council of State, for redress. They have enjoyed the privilege, time out of mind, of sending a weekly messenger to London, to carry bills of exchange and parcels, make payments, take receipts, &c. Hoped an enlargement of their privileges, but their now messenger is prohibited going by the Committee for Posts, whereby he will lose his employment, and they be exposed to greater charges and trouble in despatch of their weekly affairs. Signed by Thos. Day, deputy mayor, and 80 others. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 16. Order thereon that Wolsley, St. Nicholas, Carew, and Moyer be a Committee to examine the business of prohibiting the Dover post from carrying letters, state the matter of fact, and report. [*I.* 70, *p.* 381.]

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1. To write to Robert Nelson of Martin's-in-the Fields, justice of the peace for Westminster, that Council approves of his commitment of Robinson, a Romish priest, and to desire him to order fit persons to apprehend any others suspected of being or harbouring Romish priests; and also to discover the estate of the said Robinson; and to report.

2. Col. Grosvenor and Mr. Squib, with Mr. Nelson, to be desired to take care for the detecting and apprehending of Romish priests.

4. The Lieutenant of the Tower and Serjeant Emmery to take an account of how much of the scaffolding of Paul's is already pulled down by John Wheat and Rice Frith, in pursuance of their contract, and to what value, and to consider what charge they have been at in pulling it down, and report.

5. Col. Montague and Mr. Strickland added to the Committee on the library at James's House.

7. Howard, Wolsley, Sydenham, Jones, and Strickland to be a Committee to consider of what use the papers brought in to Council to day by Thos. Violet may be as to the business of the silver ships, and to report.

8. The preservation of woods and timber referred to the Admiralty Committee, to proceed according to such instructions as shall be given them by Council; and the paper this day brought in from Mr. Young, woodward of Windsor forest, referred to them, with power to send for the parties mentioned, or any others who can give testimony thereon, and to examine them, and report the whole state of the business, and their opinions as to what should be done.

9. Jones, Howard, Wolsley, and Strickland to be a Committee to prepare instructions for the Admiralty Commissioners, for directing them in the business of preserving woods and timber, and to bring them to Council with convenient speed. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 380, 381.]

Sept. 16. Council of State to Capt. Hutton, commander of a privateer. Council hearing that the St. George of Hamburg is still detained in Dover, their warrant of the 6th instant notwithstanding, (*see tables*) require you forthwith to set it at liberty, and to dismiss the vessel,

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and the priests, nuns, and others taken with her, and their goods. You are also to appear before Council to answer your contempt in not obeying their warrant. [*I.* 70, *p.* 381.]

[Sept. 16.] **76.** Case of Capt. Jno. Mynn, son and administrator of Thos. Mynn, knight harbinger to Kings James and Charles. That in that service he spent and sold land worth 300*l.* a year, while the fees and wages were left unpaid.

That King Charles, by grant of 28 March 1638, in consideration of Mynn's services, and in satisfaction of 2,078*l.* arrears of his pay, and for a release of 1,000*l.* more due to him from the King, granted him 5,000*l.* out of the arrears of rents, subsidies, &c. still owing to King James, but before Mynn had reaped any benefit thereby he died.

John Mynn, his son, has at his own cost caused divers lands to be extended for debts, &c. due to King James, whereby to pay himself the 5,000*l.*, but has only received 1,337*l.* 12*s.* 2½*d.*, so that there remains 3,660*l.* due.

The late Act of general pardon has pardoned all the said debts and arrears due to King James, but such arrears were all that John Mynn had to subsist upon, and he is now a prisoner in the Fleet, without anything to redeem himself, and therefore desires order to receive the residue of his debt out of such other payable debts and duties as are not pardoned by the said Act. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 16. **77.** Order in the Committee for Public Debts that Col. Rob. Castell report the above case to the House, for their direction. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 17. Order in Parliament on a printed paper found by Ald. Tichborne in the hands of Walgrave, who was committed to Bridewell for high treason, that the Council of State examine the business and report. [*I.* 90, *p.* 22.]

Sept. 17. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Avis, wife of Robert Beere, of Burton, co. Dorset, on behalf of herself and others, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to procure a speedy exchange for the persons mentioned in the petition.

3. The Committee for regulating Customs to confer with the Committee for Inspections upon the draft of an Act this day brought in to Council concerning the sale of prize goods, and thereupon to bring in the draft of an Act to Council on Tuesday next. [*I.* 70, *p.* 382.]

Sept. 17. Wednesfield. **78.** William Marston to Jno. Marston. Our friend and brother Thos. Hamson died 2 months since. My sister is in possession of one half of Ashmore Park, under Fras. Grege of Clement's Inn, and now Mr. Perynate, who has married Mr. Luson's widow, and one Richardson has told them they must give more rent, or else be gone. Mr. Grege, hearing thereof, sent a letter to Jno. Perry, my sister's partner, which he showed to Perrynate, whereupon he came in his coach to take possession, and desired my sister to come forth; but she told him

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there was an old man in the house that had not been down these nine months, and that she could not get him down, neither would she go about it. They then desired her to give them some silver, but she told them she hoped they would not do her wrong, as she did not know what belonged to such things, and they said by no means; and when they saw they could not have possession, they went away.

My sister entreats you to find Fras. Grege, and inform him of this, for she will not be persuaded but that you can do her some good.

We have had a long time of great sickness and mortality amongst us, and many of our friends and neighbours have been lately taken from us. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 18. The Resolution. Aldborough Road.

79. Gen. Monk to Fras. Willoughby. I intend to send in the great ships for Chatham, having sent the rest into the river and to Harwich and Portsmouth, to be refitted and victualled, and to ply in the Channel. I desire that those which come into Stokes Bay or Spithead may be supplied there, and not suffered to go to Portsmouth, and that those which have been out any considerable time may be paid off. [1 *page.*]

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80. Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. Being confident of your favorable acceptation, I take liberty for a word, as I received some intimation thereunto when with you the other day. I have no design to stir up notice of my poor service, yet I have served the honest interest of this nation heartily ever since I was called thereto, both by land and sea, and for four years have been employed about the navy, but I never propounded advantage to myself, nor have I made it my design to enlarge myself.

For 2 years I commanded a squadron on the coast of Scotland, and had a charge of another nature relating to the army, which is well known to the Lord General and the Generals at sea. What my service was it does not become me to relate; but of this I am sure, that I had a large opportunity there to scatter what I had before gathered by my own endeavours, my allowance being only the ordinary salary belonging to the ship's rank, 12*s.* a day, though three times as much was allowed to others in the same capacity, whose service was neither more honorable nor of higher concernment to the nation; but possibly I might have obtained more if I could have steered the same course with others.

As for my last year's service, I cannot be certain what my allowance is like to be for the time I served before I received commission as rear-admiral of the fleet; during that time I commanded a squadron, and rode in the Downs and elsewhere wearing a flag.

As for the present year, since being appointed to this station, upon advice of a likelihood of the fleet's being engaged, in February last I was ordered to Dover, to take command of a squadron, which was promised to be sent to me there, so as to fall upon the enemy; which service was welcome to me, and though I left my family and estate unsettled, I did not dispute with any such low considerations,

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Sept. 18. knowing that the interest of the Lord Jesus and his Saints (at present so deeply concerned in these affairs) would be a sufficient compensation.

I will not instance particulars wherein I have saved hundreds of pounds in buying masts, deals, &c., when I have been upon the coast, which every man is not capacitated for, nor the continual toil of body and mind that hath attended me in those negotiations, by a constant motion from Dover to Yarmouth, Gravesend and Lee, before I came to Harwich; but if the orders and warrants directed to me were consulted, they might say more than I am willing you should take notice of; neither am I solicitous about this matter, but rather study what my duty is, in order to the public good.

I confess I have acted the least part as a Commissioner of the Navy, but the exigencies of your affairs would not allow me to observe those distances, or stand upon such terms as might have suited other men's apprehensions, and I have willingly taken up any man's work, so that the usual delays and demurs might not prejudice affairs. What ships have been sent into Harwich, and what assistance I have had from the master shipwright, attendant, and storekeeper, is well known.

Besides what properly fell under my hand in the capacity I am now in, I was empowered by the General to give orders to all ships on the coast in his absence, which gave me an additional opportunity of expense for encouragement of the work; and the truth is I could not be over frugal, neither would the places of my residence admit it, where provisions were very much enhanced in price by occasion of the fleet's neighbourhood, and no one left but myself to afford entertainment.

I cannot present a particular account of the charge and expenses in travelling to and from my residence upon the coast, and shall therefore leave that to your pleasure, and trust you will find my readiness the same at all times, as I do not serve for wages, or expect to increase my outward estate; yet I am confident you will judge it equal that I should so far tender my family as to desire the preserving what I had when I entered service, unless the necessity of the public require it, to which I shall freely submit.

I do not know of six hours spent about my private concernment these many months, and it is not convenient for me to express wherein, or how much I have suffered in my private affairs, as I am content they should be dead at present; I thank the Lord I have done this out of the apprehension I have of a necessity lying upon me to act with all my might, and that upon principles of conscience. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 19. Order in Parliament, on Col. Montague's report from the Council of State that Mr. Freeze has proposed a discovery to them, that Council give direction for making it practicable by what means they think fit. [*I.* 90, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To represent to Parliament that Council have lately received several petitions, as well from foreigners and protestants as from the Dutch and French Churches, on behalf of the people of those nations

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living in London and Westminster, complaining that they are molested in the exercise of their manufactures and callings, by being indicted at sessions, and having such other proceedings against them as are provided by penal statutes in that case, by reason of which many labouring families are like to perish; which matter Council having considered, as also the order of Parliament of Sept. 2 concerning the advantage of encouraging protestant strangers in the exercise of their manufactures within the State, request Parliament to reconsider several penal statutes on the matter in hand, and to repeal such as they think fit.

2. **81, 82.** A war ship to be appointed for wafting over the Vice-Chancellor of Poland to Dieppe or Calais; the Admiralty Committee to give order accordingly.

3. The Committee for examining printers to send for Robert Austin, printer, now prisoner in the Gatehouse, and examine him further about the printing of the Charge against the Lord General; Thurloe to give all the information he has to the Committee.

4. **83.** The Committee of Council for regulating the Ordnance Office to meet to consider the said business, and report.

5. The petition of Edward Annesly, storekeeper, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to state the matter of fact, and report.

6. Order on petition of Adrian Baltee, cabinet-maker, a German, that a letter be written to the Corporation for Westminster, to tell them that Parliament has referred it to Council to consider the condition of French and Dutch strangers now in England, and to desire them to forbear proceeding against the petitioner till further order.

7, 8. A warrant to be drawn on the Excise Commissioners to pay 2,000*l.* to Mr. Frost towards Lord Whitelock's embassy to Sweden, and a letter written to the Commissioners for Inspection to certify the charging of this sum on the Excise.

9. Council having perused Viscount Lisle's account of money advanced to him to provide for his embassy to Sweden, find that he received 3,000*l.* in hand, of which he disbursed 1,620*l.* in preparations, most of which are at the service of the commonwealth. Also that during the time of his preparation, he was at great charge in keeping a table, and maintaining a retinue and horses taken on for the service, and that he lost in disposing of the horses, &c. They therefore think that 380*l.* should be allowed him therefor, making with the 1,620*l.* disbursements 2,000*l.*, and that the remaining 1,000*l.* should be paid to Mr. Frost for Council. On this being done, and the coach, harness, and 17 liveries provided by him being delivered up, they discharge his account.

10. The sale of the goods in Scotland suspended till further orders, and Col. Lilburne to send up to Council a particular of such hangings and other household stuffs as he desires for his own use.

11. **84.** The petition of Wm. Billers, clerk of the deliveries in the Tower of London, referred to the Admiralty Committee and Ordnance Committee.

13, 14. **85.** Those of Thos. Stout [or Stone], John Yong, Nat. Goodlad, John Frederick, and others, and of Eliz. Clemens, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

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15, 16. Desborow, Cooper, Sydenham, and Tomlinson, to be a Committee to consider of the papers concerning the late conspiracy in co. Dorset, and to report. Also to examine Mr. Scut of Poole, being brought up hither in safe custody, and if they find cause, to dismiss him on bail. Also to examine Sir Phil. Musgrave, Col. Pinchbeck, and Mr. Titus, and report. Mr. Thurloe to be with the Committee at their sitting, to inform them of what he knows of the business.

17. The petition of Thos. Trenchfield, Peter Whitty, and others, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine and state the fact.

18. The letter from the English prisoners at Rotterdam, showing the hard usage they receive from the Dutch, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to procure their exchange with all convenient speed.

19. The lodgings late Lord Bradshaw's having been assigned to Mr. Lawrence and Col. Montague, order that Sir Wm. Roberts and Rob. Fenwick be lodged there in lieu of Montague.

20. The petition of Jane Brooke referred to the Committee on Discoveries.

22. To send to Mr. Scobell to send to Council the draft of a letter which was prepared to be sent into Switzerland, and was once read in Parliament.

23. To suspend the taking of John Edwards of Dover into custody till the report concerning him be brought in. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 382–387.]

Sept. 19. Navy Office. **86.** Navy Commissioners to the Council of State. Finding the business of our office so much increased, we made application to the Admiralty Committee to take off that part lately imposed on us relating to sick and wounded men, the widows and impotent parents of such as are slain in the service, and prisoners, which to be done as it ought, is business sufficient to take up our time. Besides the prejudice that comes through our want of time to attend this business, it's a great disservice to have the lamentable cries of such persons in the ears of seamen, who by multitudes have recourse to our office. Understanding from the Admiralty Committee that they have made a report to you of several persons, with instructions to manage that affair, we entreat a speedy settlement thereof. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 19. Leghorn. **87.** Chas. Longland to the Admiralty Committee. As the French post did not arrive last week, we are without any letters from England. The Dutch men-of-war have all departed except two who are on the careen, and two Dutch merchantmen have arrived from Smyrna, the least being worth 50,000*l.*

The French now drive a great trade for Turkey, having 20 sail trading thither from Marseilles, whereof more than half are worth 50,000*l.* each, so you may see, if you sent out a fleet into these seas with a Commander-in-Chief acquainted therewith, you need take little care for their payment, as they will be able to find themselves both meat, drink, and wages.

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It is rumoured that the Turkish fleet has got out of Rhodes into Candia, and there surprised and taken a strong place from the Venetians, who it is supposed will be forced to quit the island. The Venetians are at Milo. If a good English fleet should appear in the midst of this war between the Turks and Venetians before Constantinople, they might obtain what conditions of trade they pleased from the Turk, even to the exclusion of other nations from the trade, and reserve it for ourselves, and especially a trade between Alexandria and Constantinople, which might employ 20 sail of good ships yearly.

We hear that 4 of the best ships of the King of France have gone from Toulon to wait for the Dutch merchant ships coming from Turkey. The French still persist in taking all nations they can meet with, and the Dutch, like a nation prostituted to their slavery, lie in this port without so much as looking after a Frenchman, or seeking their own reparation from them. The Dutch here report that their men-of-war at the Straits' mouth are to go home this month or next.

There are two of the Warwick's men still lying here at the State's charge, for want of a ship to England, one wanting an arm and the other a leg. They were put on shore out of the Bonadventure. With copy of his letter of the 5th inst. [2½ *pages.*]

[Sept. 19.] **88.** Petition of Capt. Peter Whitty of the Freeman to the Admiralty Committee. Being at Genoa in '50, I went to Kater Jane [Carthagena], on the coast of Spain, to take in wools for Venice. I heard that the Black Prince, bought by Prince Rupert, was fired by her company near Cape Paul, one of the King of Spain's forts, and that her guns lay in 4 fathoms water. I agreed with the gentry there to pay rates for such as I could recover, and with boats and a diver brought up 4, of which 2 had the French arms and 2 the Rose and Crown. I then went to Venice, served 2 years against the Turks, and returned in service of the commonwealth.

I will render you the guns, if you will pay the expenses; if not, I beg leave to sell them to regain my expenses. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

88. I. *Account of the expenses incurred in their recovery; total,* 381*l.* 5*s.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 19. Ordnance Office. **89.** Ordnance officers to the Admiralty Committee. We have surveyed the guns on board the Freeman, and value them at 492*l.* [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 19. Sandwich. **90.** Jas. Thurbarne to Edw. Marston. Having mislaid your letter and certificate, the matter to which they relate quite escaped my memory; but having found the latter, I return it, as I am not certain to what it relates without the former. The Mayor and jurates know nothing of the lessees. Endorsed with draft of a letter to [the Navy Commissioners] respecting the services of the captain and company of the Bonadventure in the fight with the Dutch at Leghorn and in the Straits, and as to a gratuity of 5*l.* a piece which

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was ordered to be paid to the men, but nothing to the captain, although he lost in money, clothes, instruments, &c. upwards of 400*l.* [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 19. Dover. **91.** Andrew Yaxley to Edw. Marston. I hope you will be able to give the bearer some good news respecting my business; but if you find them unwilling to part with money, I shall be glad of the grant of one of the prizes taken from the Hollanders, of the same burden as my ship, which was 160 tons. The like has been done before, and I could get a ship here or elsewhere. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 20. Order in Parliament, that the Council of State have power to allow Mr. Freeze a fourth part of his discovery. [*I.* 90, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 20. **92.** Petition of Gilbert Keate, Nathan Wright, Thos. Jennings, Jas. Man, and other owners of the Anthony Bonadventure of London, to the Council of State, for an order for payment of 3,600*l.*, in satisfaction for the loss of their ship. She was in several engagements while in the State's service, and perished in the third engagement against the Dutch last November, while assisting the Garland, at which time her commander, Capt. Hoxon, lost his life. By an order of Parliament of 30 Dec., it was referred to the then Council of State to make a reasonable allowance to the owners; they referred it to the Navy Commissioners, who have now certified thereon, and taken an inventory, amounting to the sum above mentioned. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 20. **93.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to examine, and if they find it as alleged, to report whence the money may be had or paid. [¾ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 391.]

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2. The petition of Daniel Sochon, merchant of London, and others, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to proceed according to law.

3. Major Wm. Scutt of Poole to be dismissed from restraint, on his own bond to appear on summons.

5. The petition of Theodore Haak to be presented to Parliament by Sir Gilbert Pickering.

6. That of Thos. Clarke and others referred to the Admiralty Committee.

8. That of many of the inhabitants of Hambleton, co. Rutland, to be presented to Parliament by Mr. St. Nicholas.

9. That of Francis Fawder referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine and certify what course of law is usual in those cases. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 390, 391.]

Sept. 20. Whitehall. **94.** Council of State to the Lord Mayor of London. Several complaints have been made to us, by protestant strangers in London and its liberties, of interruptions in exercising their callings, as being aliens, to their ruin unless relieved. Parliament has referred the cases of several strangers in England to us, and whilst we are con-

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sidering them, we wish all proceedings against protestant strangers for exercising their trades in London, to be stayed till further order. With note of like letter to the corporation of Westminster. [1 *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 387.]

Sept. 20. The Resolution. **95.** General Blake to Capt. Moulton. I have sent into your harbour, with Capt. Young of the Worcester, the Sapphire, Dolphin, Princess Maria, and Arms of Holland, and desire you will see the two first cleaned and victualled with all expedition, and the latter taken in hand. I have written to the Council of State to continue them at sea in lieu of so many merchant ships. As there is money due to all of them for short allowance, I desire you will see them paid, so that no discouragement may be put upon them. The Laurel is also coming in, which you are to stay until further order. [*Copy.* ¾ *page.*]

Sept. 20. **96–98.** Three bills with requests for payment by Col. Jno. Barkstead and three others, to Major Jno. Miller, for disbursements in impressing seamen and bringing them to the Tower, all receipted, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
John Jennings - - - -	1	4	0
Ephraim Williams, with list of 100 men pressed Aug. 25 and 26, and Sept. 13-15.	5	14	2
Jas. Nuthall, with list of 103 men, same dates -	8	14	7

[3 *papers.*]

Sept. 20. **99.** Like request to pay the bill of Wm. Spenser, 3*l.*, for impressing light horsemen, boats, and oars to carry mariners from the Tower on board the ships. Receipted. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 20. **100.** Like request to pay to Ensign Wm. Foster and Lieut. Wm. Parker 1*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for conducting impressed mariners and seamen on board several ships in the service. Receipted. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 21. **101.** Petition of Wm. Parsons, boatswain of the Marmaduke, to the Council of State, for some gratuity in common with the others who lately surprised and brought the ship into Plymouth from those who revolted, his name having been left out of the list because left on board whilst the list was making. Each of the surprisers received 20*l.* a piece. Has been petitioning 12 months, and was referred to the Admiralty Committee, but no order taken. Has a sick wife and children. Noted 10*l.* [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

101. I. *Certificate by Geo. Blake and Dan. Ely, Sub-Commissioners for Reprisal Goods, to the truth thereof.* 11 *March* 1653. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 21. **102.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 394.]

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1. Mr. Strickland to present the petition of several officers of the army to Parliament, at the same time with the report from the Committee of Inspection, for the sale of Forest Lands.

2. Leave to be given to Gen. Monk to repair to London upon his arrival at Quinborough.

3. Cols. Montague and Jones to be a Committee to consider a proposition of Mr. Freeze, containing a discovery which he offers to make to the advantage of the State.

4. The proposition of Capt. Bushell concerning a discovery referred to the Committee for Discoveries.

5. The Irish and Scotch Committee to send for the collector of Irish assessments in co. Cardigan, and strictly examine his account, as to what moneys he has collected, and what paid in, and to report to Council, they being informed that a considerable sum remains in his hands on that account. [*I.* 70, *p.* 394.]

Sept. 21. Dean Forest. **103.** Major Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Committee. The masons and carpenters think the cost for building a forge will only be 100*l.*, not 200*l.*, as I thought, and the ordnance can be bored here. I have pointed out to an able artist from Bristol the advantages to be derived by framing a ship in the forest, and he approved thereof, and is coming to London respecting it. The waste wood could be used up for charcoal, and the woodwork and ironwork would be cheaper and better. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 22. **104.** Petition of John Radhams, Mayor of Colchester, to the Council of State, for an order to the Commissioners of Prizes to pay him the money disbursed in making allowance of 6*d.* for those well, and 1*s.* a day for those wounded, to 300 Dutch prisoners, sent to Colchester by order of Gen. Monk and Major Bourne, amongst which were 70 wounded, now almost all cured, as also for sending those sound to London. Also request for removal of such prisoners as still remain. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 22. **105.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 395.]

Sept. 22. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Robert White, printer, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

2. **106.** The letter from Col. Lilburne, from Dalkeith, of the 15th inst., referred to the Ordnance Committee and the Admiralty Committee, to consider and report.

4. Mr. Broughton to hasten his report to Parliament about the erecting of a High Court of Justice.

5. Robert Austin, printer, to be once more examined, and then bailed by Mr. Thurloe.

6. Nathaniel Worthingston, of Atcham, co. Salop, to be continued minister there, and receive the profit and augmentation granted him, according to the order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers;

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and Col. Mackworth, Governor of Shrewsbury, with any other justices of peace, are to take care for his peaceable continuing.

7. Col. Montague added to the Committee for conferring with Mr. Violet about the business of the silver ships.

9. Sir Gilbert Pickering and Mr. Courtney to be a Committee to examine the state of Sir Adam Loftus' account, and report.

10. The petition of Lucy, wife of Col. Edward Gerard, prisoner in Carnarvon, referred to Thos. Madrin and John Parry, to take bail of Col. Gerard, with sureties in 500*l.*, to appear before Council within * * days after summons to be left for him at such place as shall be agreed upon.

12. The letter from Serjeant Dendy to Dr. King referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to consider of some fit place to which the prisoners now there may be removed, Council conceiving it a place unfit for the purpose.

13. Order, on petition of Jane Ensor, that the restraint laid on the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall be taken off (as to this party), and that they pay her pension and arrears.

14. **107.** The letter from Mr. Rushworth, about a convoy for soldiers to the Isle of Man, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to give orders.

15. **108.** The debt mentioned in the annexed report as due to Peter Biglestone to be paid, and the Admiralty Committee to assign the payment of the same. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 396–398.] *Annexing,*

108. I. *Report of the Irish and Scotch Committee, on the petition of Peter Biglestone, merchant, referred to them by the Council of State, that when General Blake with his fleet lay before Lisbon,* 45 *moyes of wheat belonging to petitioner were taken up from the Joanna; that on his petitioning the late Council for satisfaction, they referred him to the Admiralty Committee, and they to the Admiralty Judges, who certified that he was entitled to relief; this having been reported from the Admiralty Committee to the late Council, and by them referred back again to the said Committee to confer further with the Admiralty Judges if they saw cause, they, upon a review of the business and debate, were satisfied of the petitioner's property in the corn, and desired Messrs. Boone and Edward Bushell, merchants, to certify what* 45 *moyes of wheat made, according to the English measure, and what the value in sterling money, according to the price wheat then sold at Lisbon, and the exchange of money there; whereupon they certified that the* 45 *moyes were* 22½ *tons English, of* 40 *bushels Winchester measure to the ton, and worth* 383*l.* 3*s.* 6*d., which ought to be paid to Biglestone.* 24 *May* 1653. [1¼ *pages. Also I.* 70, *pp.* 397, 398.]

Sept. 22. Navy Office. **109.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We have often represented the necessity for a seasonable supply of stores

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for the navy, as also of money for carrying on work of such great import. We have done our best to gather in what hemp, cordage, and masts were attainable, although much discouraged by the nonpayment of the merchants. We have 300 tons of hemp and cordage in store, and have made contracts for 300 tons more, and a considerable supply is expected from Hamburg, also a quantity of masts, which are still more needed, from Norway; as two ships laden with masts have lately been taken, we desire that a strong convoy may be sent, as also some ships to ply on the coast of Norway to secure a free passage. We hope to get masts from Gottenburg, New England, and a small supply from Scotland; also hemp for the winter from Riga and Quinborough. With note that the letter is to be reported to the Council of State. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 22. London. Levant Company to the Treasurers at Smyrna. If Rich. Lawrence, appointed agent for this State, shall have occasion for 2,000 dollars on his arrival at Constantinople, furnish him therewith, on the account of this Company. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 219.]

Sept. 23. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order lately made by Council, for stopping the proceedings of Mr. Wheate and Mr. Frith in pulling down the scaffold of Paul's to be taken off, and they allowed to proceed.

2. Mr. Freeze to have a 4th part of all such moneys as he shall discover to the profit of the commonwealth, upon a proposition by him presented to Council.

3. Mr. St. Nicholas and Broughton to be a Committee to go forth and confer with two persons concerning a proposition of a discovery they will make for the use of the State.

4. 50*l.* to be paid out of Council's contingencies to Sir Gilbert Pickering, to be paid by him to a certain person for a service.

5. **110.** The Admiralty Committee to take consideration of Major Bourne, that he may receive the pay of rear-admiral for the time he wore a flag.

6. Also to examine Mole, captain of the privateer who brought up the ship in which the priests and nuns were, concerning his refusing to deliver up the ship and certain of the goods therein, and to report.

7. To write to Thos. Scott, Whitington Wood, Major Foach, and Mr. Broadnax, to examine the fact alleged in the petition of John Bragg and others, and to certify.

9. St. Nicholas to present to Parliament the petition of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

10. **111.** Order, on report to Council from the Irish and Scotch Committee about Alexr. Bowling, that the Admiralty Committee consider what should be allowed him in reference to the service mentioned, and report.

11. Order on petition of the masters and wardens of the several handicraft corporations of London, that a copy of the petition of the French and Walloon congregations formerly presented to Council be transcribed and delivered to the petitioners, and the petition referred

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to the same Committee of Council to which the foreigners' petition was referred, to hear the parties on both sides, and report. [*Repeated* 27 *Sept. I.* 70, *p.* 41.]

12. Order on petition of the well-affected of Feckenham parish, co. Worcester, on behalf of John Wilmot, their present minister, that he continue in the vicarage, and receive the profits, till further order, or till Mr. Robbins, who claims the patronage, show cause to the contrary.

13. Order on petition of Wm. Hobby, John Cowly, and Thos. Bye that James Freeze, of London, gent., be appointed master of Katherine's Hospital Tower. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 399–401.]

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1. Capt. Fauconbridge to keep in his hands the 600*l.* paid him on the discovery long prosecuted by Thos. Smithsby, John Blackwell, and others, and not to pay it till further order.

2, 29. Lord Commissioner Whitelock to have the same allowance for his embassy to Sweden as Viscount Lisle was to have, *i.e.*, 6,000*l.* for the first month, whereof 3,000*l.* is to be paid in present money and 3,000*l.* more by bills of exchange; the provisions made by Viscount Lisle, viz., coach-harness and liveries, valued at 1,000*l.*, being cast in (over and above the 6,000*l.*,) in consideration of his undertaking the journey in winter. Council further declare, that if he find it necessary to stay more than six months in Sweden, there shall be paid him 600*l.* a month.

3. Such plate, table linen, hangings, household stuffs, and bedding in the State's wardrobe, as were to have been furnished to Lord Lisle, to be delivered by indenture by the wardrobe keeper to Whitelock.

4. The Admiralty Judges to be sent unto to certify what proceedings have been in the business of the ship . . . . which pretends to belong to Sweden, and to certify the whole state of the matter.

5. To write to Mr. Ingelo to go with Lord Whitelock as chaplain, on his embassy to Sweden.

6. John Dury approved of to go as one of Lord Whitelock's chaplains, if he also shall approve him.

7. **112.** 500 barrels of powder to be provided and sent into Scotland, and the Irish and Scotch Committee to see to its immediate despatch.

8. Declaration on a petition from some of the late King's servants offering a discovery for the service of the commonwealth, that if on the making of the discovery known, Council approve it, the discoverers shall be considered for their pains.

9. Power given to the Committee for Discoveries from time to time to send for such persons as, having made tenders of discoveries, desist from prosecuting the business, to appear before them for further clearing up such discoveries as have been propounded.

10. To order Capt. Falconbridge to bring in the original receipts of Mr. Holland, Smithsby, Blackwell, Bond, Smyth, and Emerye for

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such moneys as they have received of the debt due to them from the late King.

11. The Lieutenant of the Tower to pay to Cornelius Hen. Hilvernen in coined money the value of three bars and two spars of silver adjudged to him in the Admiralty Court.

12. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to bring in speedily the keys they have in their keeping, under which certain proportions of silver in the Tower are now locked up.

14. Capt. Cadwell to take up a vessel at Chester or Liverpool, to transport soldiers to the Isle of Man, and money to be imprested to him therefor.

18. The petition of James Freeze and John Barker, with the draft of an Act of Parliament therewith given in, referred to Cols. Tomlinson and Jones.

19. That of the inhabitants of co. Herts, concerning an allowance for free quarter which has been allowed by the State and paid to the treasurer for the county, recommended to the Army Committee, to send for and confer with the treasurers, and report.

20. Order on the petition of Sir Phil. Musgrave that he be set at liberty, on parole in writing to the Lord General to appear on summons left at a place to be expressed in the writing.

21. Col. Jones to report the petition of John Tracy, merchant, to Parliament.

22. The keeper of Newgate prison to bring before the Irish and Scotch Committee on Wednesday the persons committed by Council on suspicion of coining.

23. **113, 114.** The ships Speaker, Elizabeth, Phœnix, and such other frigates and nimble sailers as are now ready here or at Harwich, to go towards the Elbe, for the securing home of the convoy from thence; the Admiralty Committee to give fit instructions.

24. **115.** The captain of the Nonsuch to observe directions from the Admiralty Committee, notwithstanding any former order from Council.

25. **116.** Captain Simon Orton approved to be commander of the Sun, on recommendation of the Admiralty Committee, and the Generals of the fleet to give him a commission and instructions for doing the service expected from him, and Orton is hereby empowered to command the said ship till he receive his commission.

26. **117.** Mr. Strickland to represent to Parliament that Council—having considered the Earl of Mulgrave's petition for satisfaction for the injury inflicted on him by demolishing the walls of Mulgrave Castle, co. York, and several edifices thereupon, to make it untenable,—find that in March 1650, the then Council of State, for prevention of any prejudice that might accrue by the surprise of that castle, directed Luke Robinson, George Ewer, Col. Francis Lassells, Lieut.-Col. Peregrine Lassells, and John Newton to take a view thereof, and order the demolishing of such walls and other buildings as were necessary for making it untenable. In pursuance whereof the outer walls of the castle, with several stately rooms

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were pulled down, which, as they were standing, were, by 3 of the Committee appointed for the demolishing, and by other gentlemen of the county and able artificers, valued at 1,260*l.*, and the materials at 500 marks; which castle, being the property of the Earl, Council judges it not reasonable that the loss should fall upon any particular estate, and thinks that 1,000*l.* should be paid to the Earl of Mulgrave in consideration of the loss.

27. Sir O. Fleming to repair to the Portuguese Ambassador, and acquaint him that Council have occasion, for despatching a present service, to make use of the Nonsuch formerly appointed to carry his lordship into Portugal, in case he finds himself not ready to begin his voyage within a short space; and that as soon as the ship returns, she shall be appointed to wait upon him as formerly; or if he shall want to depart sooner, some other vessel shall be appointed him.

28. To write to the Mayor of Winchester, Mr. Holby, and Mr. Betswell to notice the receipt of their letter from Winton, the 20th instant, to thank them for their care over the public peace, and to empower them to examine any whom they suspect, and if they find cause, to commit them to prison, and report what they shall do from time to time to Council.

30. The petition of Anthony Selby recommended to the Commissioners for Inspection, to be dealt with according to equity.

31. Mr. Edwards, late postmaster of Dover, to forbear carrying letters betwixt London and Dover, unless he carry them as a common carrier upon ordinary travel or otherwise, according to the regulation of Mr. Manley, to whom the office of postage of letters has been farmed. [*J.* 70, *pp.* 403–410.]

Sept. 26. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the draft of the letter prepared to be sent to the cantons of Switzerland, and report.

2. To write to the Army Committee that Council understands that the army in Scotland is in great want of money, and to desire them to speedily send some thither.

3. The order of Parliament referring the letter from the Duke of Guelderland to Council, with the said letter, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

4. The petition of Robert Philips, now close prisoner in the Tower, referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to inquire concerning what is suggested, and if he find it true, to give him such liberty as he judges fit, provided care be taken for his safe keeping to be forthcoming when required.

5. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider what chain is fit to be provided for the agent of Switzerland, and to report.

6. Col. Tomlinson to report to Parliament the petition from several of the inhabitants of Switzerland.

7, 8. **118.** Order—on consideration of the state of the isles of Shotland, and the use they may be to this commonwealth if forti-

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fications were made in convenient places, garrisons put in them, and ships appointed to ply in the seas thereabout,—that some additional force of men should be sent there, and some ships appointed to those parts, and that the Admiralty Commissioners should order 3 fit nimble vessels to sail with the first wind to Shotland, and ply about those islands, to interrupt the enemy's trade in fishing or otherwise. The Commissioners to advise with the Lord General concerning the sending thither of 2 companies of foot, and also of some workmen from Inverness and timber from the mainland of Scotland, for building fortifications there; and where 6 culverins may be had for the use of the said forts, when built. The said Commissioners are also to consider by what means 1,000 men's victuals may be provided at Leith by next spring, and to give such orders as shall suffice for carrying out this business. Also they shall order 2 brass demi-culverins with their carriages to be furnished from the Tower therefor.

9. To write to the Committee for Inspection that there being occasion to build fortifications in some parts of Scotland for its security, Council desire them to take care that 4,000*l.* be speedily provided therefor. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 411-41, 3.]

Sept. 26. Harwich. **119.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. Account of ships in port, and of their defects and repairs. The seamen should not be paid until ready to sail, as many have already gone to London and other places. I want an order to the Governor of Landguard Fort for a troop of horse to guard the town, otherwise there will be no living here and keeping up any face of authority. The letter to the Mayor and magistrates to suppress the excessive number of tippling houses which so much debauch the seamen is not yet come. I will do my best to promote the service, though it is irksome. I hope you are mindful respecting the masts. [1¾ *pages.*]

Sept. 26. The Katherine, Gottenburg. **120.** Capt. Willoughby Harman to the Admiralty Committee. I sailed from Harwich with the three convoys on the 17th, but lost one, commanded by Mr. Noble, through his own neglect, and I cannot hear anything of him; we had much ado to keep our ships from running ashore on the coast of Norway. The merchants here report that there is a fleet of Holland men-of-war of 40 sail, and 8 East Indiamen, under the Scaw, and wonder how we missed them. The two convoys will soon be laden and ready to return, as there are plenty of masts. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 26. Leghorn. **121.** Charles Longland to Robt. Blackborne. I wrote a month since desiring your advice about sending home goods in French or Italian ships, notwithstanding there is a statute against it; yet now in this exigency, when our own ships are deprived of navigating these seas, whether it might not be permitted for a while.

It is not possible to get captives released from Tripoli or any part of Barbary without sending ready money thither. I gave commission for Mathew Hoult's redemption to a Jew, and my obligation to

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pay 400 dollars upon his arrival here, but you will see by the enclosed it cannot be effected without sending over the money.

I am informed that Appleton, with his counsellor Reading, has made bold to abuse me at home, in giving in some writings against me to the Commissioners; I hope their wisdom will so direct them as not to receive, or at least believe, what may be insinuated by such men, the one shipless by his own folly, and the other impudent and shameless. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 26. **122.** Thos. Broome to Edw. Marston. Ask Mr. Nowell, clerk of the Committee for Removing Obstructions at Worcester House, for a copy of the petition of the Mayor and jurats of Dover, and of a grant of the lands bought by Col. Rich, which were granted by Queen Elizabeth and the late King for reparations of Dover harbour in case of want. Also ask Mr. Week, surveyor-general for the sale of crown lands, for the petition and copy of the grant of Queen Elizabeth and the late King left with him two years since, as they are of much concern, and the harbour is almost lost. If you will let me know when you have them, and what you have laid out, I will come up and pay you, and also for your pains. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 27. **123.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Hale, of Bristol, to the Council of State, for employment in the navy. Being master of the Dove of Bristol, bound to Leghorn on a merchant's voyage, was taken by the Dutch, and being stripped of all, even to the shoes on his feet, he, his two sons, and two servants, were kept prisoners on board the Sun of Amsterdam, in which he was at the fight with Capt. Badiley, and until the December following. Upon his exchange, being very passionate to serve the State against their enemies, he accepted the master's place of the Sampson, under Capt. Seaman, and was in the late fight at Leghorn with Van Galen, in which the ship was fired by the enemy, and one of petitioner's sons slain; another was wounded, and blown up with the ship, yet preserved on a piece of the ship in the sea, but blind for 11 days after being taken up, and he and one of his servants were taken prisoners. Has two sons and a servant now in the fleet. Has lost 400*l.* in the service.

Noted in shorthand, 31 *Oct.* 1853: "To be commended for master of one of the new frigates." [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

123. I. *Certificate by Edm. Seaman to the truth of the petition.* [½ *page.*]

Sept. 27. **124.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 70, *p.* 406.]

Sept. 27. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **125.** The Admiralty Committee to order the Nonsuch not to depart from the Thames till the Portuguese Ambassador's goods be disembarked.

2. Fleming to repair to the Ambassador, and acquaint him that Council did not intend, by appointing the Nonsuch to present service, to inconvenience him as to the unlading of his goods, but have ordered fit time to be allowed for that purpose.

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3. The charge of the vessel to be taken up by Capt. Cadwell in Chester water, for transport of the soldiers now to go to the Isle of Man, to be defrayed by Council when the account shall be given in.

4. Col. Sydenham to move Parliament to give power to the Commissioners for Inspection to draw warrants on the receipt of the Excise, and to charge the same with sums necessary for carrying on some services, the Excise Commissioners being bound up by Acts of Parliament from issuing moneys to any other use than the navy.

5. Power to be given to the late Militia Committee for the city of London to meet as a Militia Committee, in order to sign tickets and make dividends of the money which remains on the account of the 1,000 horse raised by Act of Parliament in London on occasion of the Scots invading England, and which was managed by the then Militia Committee.

6. To signify to the sheriffs of London that Council this day was informed that one Collet, a person with whom upon good ground they are dissatisfied, is in election to be under-sheriff, and therefore they do not approve of his being put in a place of trust, but leave it to the sheriffs to choose some other fit person.

7. The restraint laid on the receipt of the revenue to be taken off as to the money charged for Mons. Augier, and Capt. Faucon-bridge to pay him sums due, and by any warrants made payable, out of the revenue.

8. To signify to M. Augier that Council expects him to pay to Madame Targis, out of the first moneys he receives, the debt owing to her from him for his lodging at her house in Paris, whilst he was Resident there from this commonwealth.

15. The petition of Mary Goodwyn, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

17. So much of the Mayor of Harwich's letter of the 19th instant as concerns prisoners referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

23. The petition of Jane Brooke referred to Cols. Montague and Jones. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 417–419.]

Sept. 27. Harwich. **126.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have been on board the several ships in port; particulars of their wants of masts, stores, &c. I am doing my best to carry on the work, and sensible of the stress of affairs. I think the price of the house will be 340*l.* The town is very nasty and sickly, and something like a prison to me. I wonder the garrison should be dismantled at this season, when so many men of the fleet are here, many of whom must be awed by authority. Also I much want orders as to the Dutch prisoners. Until you put the cash into other hands, pray settle some way whereby I may have a supply of money. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Sept. 27. **127.** Order by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, that Blackwell and Leman, Treasurers-at-war, pay to Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, 20,000*l.* on account from the 200,000*l.*

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appointed by Parliament for the navy, from the present 6 months' assessment. Granted on certificate of the Admiralty Committee. Receipted, 19 Oct. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 28. **128.** Petition of John Noll and other well affected inhabitants of Lynn, to the Council of State, for the exchange of Dennis Mason, master and owner of the Margaret and Jane, and his boy, taken prisoners by the Dutch 6 weeks since bringing coals from Sunderland, and carried to Holland, where they are kept in irons, and forced to beg their bread. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 28. **129.** Petition of Michael Andrew, late purser of the Falmouth, to the Council of State, for an order to the Prize Commissioners to pay the captain and company's share of the prizes Hunter and Sancta Maria, taken by the frigate last October. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 28. Whitehall. **130.** Reference of both the above petitions to the Admiralty Committee. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 71, *p.* 1.]

Sept. 28. **131.** Petition of John Marston, late minister at Henbury, co. Gloucester, to the Council of State. Was residing in Oxford when the late King came thither with his army; for want of judgment and heavenly illumination, so far espoused his cause as to remain some time amongst them, yet gradually came out of darkness, and in Dec. 1643 surrendered to Parliament, addressed the Committee of both kingdoms, and to make himself irreconcilable to those he had forsaken, discovered a jewel of the late King's in Windsor Castle, worth 6,000*l.*, and refused the 600*l.*, being 2*s.* in the pound, for his discovery, and only took 5*l.* to carry him into the country.

Then became minister at Henbury, and tried with success to satisfy scruples about taking the engagement.

In the Scots' invasion and attempts at Worcester, would have raised a troop of horse, but was prevented by their speedy overthrow. Yet by the agitation of a few people, the Committee for Plundered Ministers have dismissed him, on the exception in the Act of Oblivion which forbids the restoring any man to office who was disabled by any former Act, unless he be approved by Parliament, which would lead men to think that no services can ever reconcile them.

This severity has not abated his affection to the present government, and having now an estate to discover worth 100,000*l.*, and forfeited by the late engagement at Worcester, he begs indemnity from the said exceptions in the Act of Oblivion, and examination of his witnesses, not by county Commissioners, but such as Council shall appoint. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 28. Order that Broughton, Jones, Desborow, and Montague be a Committee to consider his discovery, and report. [*I.* 71, *p.* 2.]

Sept. 28. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Lawrence to offer to Parliament the draft of the letter to be sent to Switzerland, for their approbation.

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Sept. 28. Council of State. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

5. Order for delivery to Dan. Earle, for Ambassador Whitelock, of 2 travelling coaches, prepared for the Commissioners into Scotland.

6. A gold chain worth 100*l.* to be provided for the public minister sent to the commonwealth from the Cantons of Switzerland.

7. If Whitelock will nominate a fit person to go with him on his embassy to Sweden as another chaplain, Council will advance him 100*l.* as done to those chosen by Viscount Lisle.

8. **132.** The Admiralty Commissioners to consider and report what ships are fit to transport Whitelock to Sweden.

11. Wm. Pym's petition referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

12. To write to Major Boteler to tell him about a great meeting of 10,000 people in co. Warwick, near co. Northampton, on pretence of a bear baiting, and to desire him to look out for, and, if necessary, to use force in preventing such meetings.

13. The black velvet bed, and needful linen, and plate in the wardrobe to be delivered by indenture to Mr. Earle, for the use of Whitelock in his embassy to Sweden.

14. Viscount Lisle and Col. Hewson added to Sir Gilbert Pickering and Mr. Courtney, as a Committee to examine Sir Adam Loftus' account, and the papers to be delivered to Col. Hewson, who is to hasten his report.

15. 4*l.* a week to be given to Sir Adam Loftus for subsistence while he is a prisoner for debt, and he to be told that Council will report his account to Parliament, where it will be finally decided.

16. The registers lately sent out of Scotland, and now in custody of Mr. Ryley in the Tower, to be sent to Scotland to the officers of justice for their use. The Irish and Scotch Committee to see to their safe sending.

17. Wm. Ryley's petition referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

18. 4 of the Dutch prisoners, such as Sir Gilbert Pickering shall choose, to be delivered to him, from which he is to choose one for himself, and deliver the other 3 to the keepers of the tapestry house at Mortlake, who are to engage that the prisoners shall not escape to their own country.

19. 500*l.* more to be paid to Lord Whitelock, in ready money, to defray the expenses of his embassy to Sweden, beside the 3,000*l.* already ordered, and besides the 3,000*l.* to be paid in bills.

20. Mr. Howard appointed President of the Council for a fortnight.

21. All Orders of Council to be entered in a book, instead of on loose papers, and copied into a fair book, which shall be read at the next sitting, no orders to be given till this is done, and no letters, warrants, or votes to be offered to be signed, until they have been read and approved by Council.

22. Capt. Jessop's petition about the carrying of Irish soldiers into foreign parts referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

23. That of Jan Janderson and Thos. Kirkwood, Scotch prisoners in Chelsea College, referred to the Prisoners' Committee.

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24. Order on Dr. Walker's report in the case of Thos. Chilstone, fishmonger of London, owner of the Prosperous privateer, of which Abr. Mootham, now dead, was commander, that—as Chilstone was sole owner, and as Mootham's commission was procured, and the ship set forth at Chilstone's charge; also as Mootham in his lifetime disclaimed all interest in the prizes to be taken, except the share due for the hazard of himself and company—the Admiralty Judges admit Chilstone to plead in their court his interest in the prizes brought in by the Prosperous, Chilstone's oath to clear his property in the vessel and Mootham's disclaimer being first filed in the Admiralty Court.

25. The Ordnance Committee to send 2,000 snaphance muskets, 1,500 matchlock muskets, 1,000 case of pistols with holsters, 1,000 pikes, and 5,000 collars of bandoleers into Scotland, for disposal of Col. Lilburne.

26. **133.** The part of Col. Lilburne's letter to his Excellency, dated Dalkeith, the 22nd instant, relating to the sufferings and wants of the shipping employed on the coast of Scotland, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to refit the said ships, and repair what they have lost in the late storms.

27. Audience to be given to the secretary from Venice to-morrow at 4 p.m.; Fleming to give him notice.

28. Order, on the report of the Admiralty Judges,—setting forth that diverse Dutch ships have been brought up by Reeve Williams, captain of a privateer against the French, some of which have been judged lawful prizes, and some are still undecided, for which service, against the custom of allowing a moiety, Capt. Williams has not been rewarded,—that he shall receive one third of the value of the ships adjudged as lawful prizes, procuring a certificate from the Admiralty Judges what ships were brought up by him and adjudged to the use of the commonwealth, and a certificate from the Commissioners for Prize Goods, of the true value of the ships and goods.

30. Col. Sydenham to tell Parliament that present sums are wanted for the setting forth of Lord Commissioner Whitelock to Sweden, and to petition for an order for charging them upon some treasury where ready money may be had, Council finding that most of the public treasuries are already assigned to the navy, or for carrying on the important affairs of the commonwealth.

31. Mr. Strickland to deliver to Whitelock the instructions given by the last Council to Viscount Lisle, when he was going on an embassy to Sweden, for him to consider and return to Council.

33. The sloop Anne, now in the Isle of Wight, to be sold by such persons as Capt. Thos. Boreman shall appoint, and the money given in payment of debts due to poor artificers and others on public account for the use of Carisbrook Castle. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 1–11.]

Sept. 28. Oct. 8. Dover. **134.** Abraham Stock to Edw. Marston. I am glad to hear my business is progressing. When the Act is passed, I will come to London to thank all those who interested themselves therein; in paying them be free with my money, which Mr. Blaueart shall have

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order to supply, as also for paying the fees. Let me know by the French post which comes away on Monday night what has been done. I sent Mr. Harvey's hat by the waggon, and if anything can be done about the poor little Belander I shall be obliged to all. [1 *page.*]

[Sept. 29.] **135.** Petition of David Young, mariner, to the Council of State. Has served faithfully 11 years, as gunner, master's mate, master, and lieutenant, and lost his right hand in the fight with the Dutch 2 and 3 July last, in surprising a man-of-war. There being no command of a ship to be had, and his family large, begs an order to the Commissioners for Prizes to sell him one of the Dutch prizes. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. **136.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to report. [½ *page. Also I.* 71, *p.* 15.]

Sept. 29. **137.** Petition of Margaret Corbett to the Council of State, to recommend her sad condition to the Admiralty Committee, and desire them to grant her relief, her husband having been slain while serving in the Newcastle frigate, in the engagement with the Dutch on 31 July last; all she received was 20*l.*, which would not satisfy his debts. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. **138.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 71, *p.* 15.]

Sept. 29. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Harrison, St. Nicholas, and Tomlinson to be a Committee to read the letters from co. Stafford about the late riot at Walsal, and to report to-morrow.

2. Col. Sydenham to move Parliament that 10,000*l.* may be speedily provided for Council's contingencies, there being pressing affairs which cannot be carried on without a speedy advance of money.

3. The business of the winter guard to be taken up to-morrow, and all the members of Council now in town to attend.

4. A warrant to be issued to apprehend John Speed, and bring him before Council, information having been given that he was either the printer or publisher of a scandalous paper entitled "The Parliament's Catechism."

5. The papers given in this day by the Venetian Secretary referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. Mr. St. Nicholas and Broughton to be a Committee to read the instructions for ordering the passage at Dover, and to offer such of them to Council as they think necessary.

7, 8. 25*l.* to be paid to John Hall as part of his pension of 100*l.* a year, and a warrant to be issued therefor on Council's contingencies; Mr. Frost to state his account of what is due to him for arrears.

9. The Admiralty Judges to inquire what proceedings have been held against the Land of Promise, which came from Sweden laden with copper wire and kettles, and to certify with speed.

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10. The letter of the 7th instant from several English seamen, prisoners at Hoorn, referred to the Committee of Prisoners, to procure exchanges for them with speed.

12. The letter from the public minister of Hamburg, and the papers sent with it, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

14. **139.** The petition of Margaret Allard referred to the Admiralty Committee.

15. Mr. Howard to report to Parliament Col. Thos. Fitch's petition, with a letter from the Committee for co. Devon to the Speaker of the late Parliament, on his behalf.

16. St. Nicholas, Broughton, and Harrison to be a Committee to confer with those who have presented a petition from the late King's servants, about a reward for a discovery which they tender to Council on condition of an allowance for making it, and to make such agreements as they think fit, provided Council approve the nature of the discovery so as to put it into execution.

18. The Committee for Prisoners to take special care for the speedy exchange of the persons whose names are in the annexed list, now prisoners with the Dutch.

19. Order on a report from the Admiralty Committee—about an account of 3,500*l.* received at Lisbon for Gen. Blake's fleet, with which Blake stands charged, though neither he nor any for him received it—that Blake be discharged from the said imprest, and that the accounts be referred to the Navy Commissioners, to charge the moneys upon the persons who have received them.

20. **140.** Order, on report from the Admiralty Committee about the disposing of guns and ammunition now in the castles at Jersey, that the said Committee order them to be given up for the use of the navy, and order the said castles to be supplied with others in their stead.

21. Order,—on report from the Admiralty Committee that Capt. Mole, of the privateer who brought in the ship laden with priests and nuns, found also in the ship French goods, which, by the tenor of his commission, he should bring to trial in the Admiralty Court, and therefore could not deliver up the ship and goods on order of Council—that liberty be given to Mole to proceed in the Admiralty Court against the French goods, but that the ship, with the rest of her lading, depart to the port for which she was designed.

23, 24. Order on report from the Admiralty Committee, approving Sam. Ward, Joseph Lark, Thos. Turner, and Sam. Cooper, as Commissioners to take care of the sick and wounded sent from the fleet, with a salary of 150*l.* a year each, and that they proceed in managing the business on instructions from time to time from Council or the Admiralty Commissioners, the following instructions being now delivered to them. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 13–19.]

Sept. 29. Whitehall. **141.** Instructions by the Council of State for Sam. Ward, Joseph Larke, Methuselah Turner, and Sam. Cooper, appointed Commissioners for considering and giving relief to sick and wounded men in the service, and the widows, children, and impotent parents of

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such as are or have been slain since 1 January 1649, and for ordering of prisoners in the war. [2½ *sheets.*]

(1.) To inquire into the constitution and state of the chest at Chatham, and give their opinions about its management.

(2.) To take account of the sick and wounded in hospitals, and to see that as soon as they are set on shore they are ordered to fit hospitals, in fit proportions, receiving the allowance of the house, or more where that is incompetent. If the hospitals cannot contain all, to see the rest provided for as reasonably as possible, considering the State's charge in these exhausting times.

(3.) To direct the mayors and officers of seaport towns to provide for the sick and wounded, and to provide what surgeons, &c. are needful.

(4.) To give 10*l.* or less gratuity, and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* or less pension to those wounded in the service, and where more should be given, to certify it to the Admiralty Committee.

(5.) To take care that the money ordered by Parliament to the orphans of those slain be improved for their benefit, and secured from all embezzlement.

(6.) To give to the widows, children, and impotent parents of those slain in the service 10*l.* or less, proportioning the relief to the desert of the party slain, in voluntariness, courage, and faithfulness; also to his employment as officer or seaman, the number of children, poverty of relations, &c., having a vigilant eye that the certificates are from credible persons, and no deceits used. To prevent this, the clerk of the check of each ship is to send to the Commissioners, after every engagement, a list of the wounded and slain, signed by the captain or chief officer, with particulars of the case.

(7.) The same rule to be observed when sick men are sent on shore for refreshment and recovery.

(8.) The Commissioners are to take care that the sick and wounded return to their ships when cured, unless disabled by loss of limb.

(9.) They are to dispose of all prisoners taken at sea at 4*d.* a day maintenance, common men and inferior officers, till they can be employed, to ease the public charge, and 1*s.* commission officers. The sick and wounded to be sent to hospitals for cure.

(10.) An exact account to be kept of all allowances made, that the abuse of double relief, attained by some, may be prevented. Also to follow instructions from Parliament, Council, or the Admiralty Commissioners. [2½ *pages. Also I.* 71, *pp.* 19–21.] *Annexing,*

141. I. *List of the* 15 *officers and attendant appointed under the said Commissioners, total salaries, exclusive of the Commissioners,* 1,090*l. a year.* [½ *page.*]

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Sept. 29. Navy Office. **142.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. We have already often urged that this office wants an additional staff and a fit house. Consider the difference between setting out 30 sail as in former years, and upwards of 200 now, and yet we have but the same help. If the number of men, seamen, sums of money, &c. dealt with, were compared with former times, this office would not be so neglected. We should betray our trust if we did not urge a timely remedy, or dismissal from our employment. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. Harwich. **143.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. Further account of the state of ships in harbour, and of the works going on. I think the soldiers in them might have tickets and be paid off, as they are miserably off for clothes. The owner of the house required for the State is cold at selling it upon the terms proposed; as for the other required for a hospital, I will endeavour to settle it speedily, but the people are adverse to let beds go, presuming they are clear by the Act. This course (the hospital) would be good for the poor men, and save money, and I should like to try it here.

I want an order as to the Dutch prisoners, who are many and run all over the country, giving much trouble. [2⅓ *pages.*]

Sept. 29. Harwich. **144.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. Particulars of the arrival of ships and their defects. I want 10 or 12 carpenters sent down in the hulk as also the stores, and some officers to look after and deliver them.

The owner of the house has been offered 320*l.* for it. I suppose 340*l.* will buy it, and it will be a good pennyworth for a storehouse. Some ordnance officers should be sent down to look after remains, and deliver stores from Landguard Fort.

Several prizes have been spoiled for want of present sale. The maintaining a company of knaves about them eats up all. They ought to be speedily sold here or at Yarmouth. [1½ *page.*]

Sept. 29. The Amity, Yarmouth Roads. **145.** Capt. Hen. Park to the Navy Commissioners. I was one of the 14 sail under Captains Martin and Hill, ordered by the General to ply off Heligoland, but got separated through foul weather, so that Capt. Hill could not deliver the General's instructions to Capt. Martin. I have come in for orders and repairs, having been much damaged by the Royal Defence running foul of me.

I took a Holland hoy laden with herrings for the Sound, which I also lost in the storm, with 5 of my men in her, but I hope she is well. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. **146.** Account of money due to Col. Jno. Berkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, on his salary at 200*l.* a year, the gentleman porter's at 16*d.* a day, and 40 warders' named at 14*d.* a day, from 25 June to 29 September 1653, total 285*l.* 4*s.* [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 29. **147.** Demands of Col. Jno. Berkstead for the diet of Wm. Hart, close prisoner in the Tower, and for the diet, charges, and fees of

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officers attending on prisoners, and for smiths, carpenters, and other works, from 25 June to 29 September 1653, total 171*l.* 14*s.* 6½*d.* [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 30. **148.** Petition of Jas. Walker and Rich. Scott, Scotchmen, and subjects of this commonwealth, and Peter Nott of Lubec, to the Council of State, for the restoration of 3 butts of sack which are spoiling. Bought and shipped the same in the Sampson at Cadiz in November 1652, but in coming to England, the ship was seized by some of the ships of the commonwealth; since then the two first petitioners have served and are now serving in the navy, and Walker fought in both the late engagements against the Dutch. With references thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and by the Committee for preserving of Customs to the Commissioners of Customs. [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 30. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. Col. Jones and Mr. Courtney appointed a Committee to consider the examinations sent from Cheshire about Mr. Whetenhall's business, and to report.

3. Order on petition of Isabell Trenhele, widow, that the treasurers for maimed and wounded soldiers be asked why her pension has not been paid.

4. Order on petition of John Manley, farmer of the Post Office, that Nicholas Reader of Norwich, Mr. Bull of Bury, and John Edwards of Dover, be summoned to appear before Council on Thursday, to answer for their contempt of Council's orders prohibiting the carrying of letters post.

5. Council to meet at 8 a.m. to-morrow to consider the business of the winter guard.

6. A pass to be granted to the ship Elephant, to transport 150 Dutch prisoners to Holland, on an agreement with the Commissioners from the Netherlands now here for exchange of as many of the English nation now prisoners in the Netherlands.

7. Col. Sir James Graham to be liberated from restraint in this town, and permitted to go to Scotland on renewing his former bail. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 22–3.]

Sept. 30. The James of London, Tynemouth Haven. **149.** Capt. Jno. Salkeld to the Navy Commissioners. I regret the delay in sending the muster books, but I was ordered by the Council of State to convoy some merchant ships to and from Dunkirk, and then to carry and convoy a whole company of soldiers and a train of artillery for the Orcades, and then more soldiers for reducing Lewis and the rest of the Northern Islands of Scotland, and had no opportunity of sending.

P.S. I have now come into this harbour by Col. Lilburne's orders, to convoy a fleet of colliers. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. Chatham Hill. **150.** Rich. Hutchinson and Peter Pett to the Navy Commissioners. As 5 frigates named have anchored in Quinborough, which have been off the ground more than 3 months, and want victuals, let

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us know what is to be done with them, as also which of the 18 ships mentioned in the margin are appointed for the winter guard, so that we may hasten their despatch; may we put upwards of 40 Dutch prisoners which they have brought in to work here, as they seem willing to work, or shall we send them to London?

There is a prisoner lying in Upnor Castle committed for firing the Fairfax; let him be at once tried by a Council of War, as the charge of his keep is 5*s.* a week. We will hasten the repairs of the Resolution. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. **151.** Report by Dr. Walker to Council, on the petition of George Boschaert, referred to the Admiralty Judges. He represents in general terms that being a Hamburgher, on his return from Spain, he was taken by our ships, and has waited many months to prove his interest in what he claims. His claim, often agitated, is for 20,000*l.* if not 40,000*l.* of silver in the Samson, Salvador, and George. The masters alleged the ships were free, being laden in free ports and to and from free ports. I required specification, and the rule of the Court was consonant thereto, and after long debate between the English and Spanish advocate, I obtained an order for it.

The shipmasters asked 6 months to make their claims, but meanwhile many particular claims were put in, and among them this of Boschaert, on 24 May 1653, for several great parcels of silver, on which I protested.

Many witnesses were examined, but weighty affairs prevented my having the matter heard before Council. Perusing Violet's book offering to prove the falsity of the bills of lading, and the frauds used by the Dutch, to make it out that most of the silver belonged to them, I tried to gain all the information I could from him, the Commissioners for Prize Goods, and the agents and solicitors. By the late order of 1 Sept. they were to confer with me, and I urged them to write down all their evidence, and issued a warrant for the claims, bills of lading, &c. to be shown to Violet.

Some examinations have since been taken, but more are required. Violet promises his help as soon as he has despatched something now before Council.

Therefore the matter is not ready for settlement, for though the proofs are published on Boschaert's part, they have to be made on the other side. But lest the time should run out and the claimers press an hearing, dispatch should be used that Violet may produce his evidence, it being very important that the case be managed according to the laws and practice of nations. [2⅔ *pages. Date endorsed on the reference, of 7 Sept. No.* **46.**]

Sept ? **152–157.** Bills sent in by John Lee, Mayor of Canterbury, of the surgeons and others for attendance on sick and wounded seamen, and Dutch prisoners, from March to September, 1653, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Nath. Roberts, apothecary, for medicines for 46 English, advised by Dr. Golder - -	88	18	7
Dr. John Golder, for attendance on 42 of the above men, 59 days, at 15*s.* a day - -	44	5	0

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	£	s.	d.
Dr. Thos. Beaumont, for attendance on 21 men, to be reduced to 10*l.* 10*s.*, part being charged in a former account - - - - -	16	0	0
Peter de la Pier, surgeon of Canterbury, for 12 Dutch prisoners, sick in Canterbury Church -	8	5	6
John Wren, surgeon, medicines for 42 Dutch prisoners, from 9 ships - - -	29	4	6
Geo. Simpson, providing them with necessaries, 2 March to 31 July - - - - -	5	10	0

[6 *papers.*]

Sept ? **158.** Petition of Solomon Bichot, master of the Florissant of Dieppe, to the Admiralty Committee, for an order to the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs to restore him his ship, given back by the Commissioners of Prize Goods on an order from the Admiralty Court, but detained by the said commander. [1 *page.*]

Sept. ? **159.** "Capt. Lane's reasons for graving great ships":—

1. Many have been long out, and are foul and defective.

2. The ships generally are not ⅔ manned, and most of the foul ones might be fitted out in little more time than they can be manned.

3. Many seamen have been long abroad without their pay, which is their whole livelihood, and their discontent, if sent out again unpaid, would prejudice the service.

4. If the ships are sent out uncleaned, beside the danger of the sea this winter, they will have to be called in to fit in the spring time, when there is most need of their service. [*Draft*, 1 *page.*]

Sept ? **160.** Fair copy of the above. [¾ *page.*]

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Oct. 1. Order in Parliament—on report by Col. Sydenham from the Council of State of the necessity of 10,000*l.* for the Council's contingencies for pressing affairs—that 10,000*l.* be charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall, to be paid to the persons appointed by Council, and the Commissioners for Compounding are to give a warrant to the Treasurers to pay the same. [*I.* 90, *p.* 24.]

Oct. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Lord General to be desired to give order for removal of the soldiers from Sion College to such place as he shall think fit.

3. The persons brought before Council for rioting at Walsall, co. Stafford, to return home, there to be proceeded against by law.

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Oct. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

4, 5. To write to some of the justices of peace for co. Stafford, to learn about the enclosure made by Mr. Pershouse, near Walsall, and how the rioters threw it down, and what provocation they had, and to report; and Mr. St. Nicholas to find to what justices of peace the letter should be directed.

6. The Committee for Prisoners to give order for removing the Dutch prisoners now in the Mews to Chelsea College.

7. Also to treat with the deputies from the United Provinces about removing from Chelsea College (when the prisoners in the Mews shall be removed thither) a number of prisoners equal to those which came from the Mews, on exchange for as many English prisoners in the United Provinces, if there be so many; if not, the overplus is to be kept justly on account, and so many English as shall hereafter be taken prisoners dismissed in lieu thereof. The Committee to take care that such prisoners as are sick be sent home.

9. The said Committee to acquaint the deputies from the United Provinces that Council is informed that the English prisoners there are denied many necessaries, and also conveniences though supplied at their own cost, and that if this be not amended, Council will retaliate upon the Dutch prisoners in their hands.

11. Council to meet on Monday at 8 a.m. to consider the next winter's guard, and all members in town to attend.

12. **1.** The Admiralty Commissioners to contract for building 6 nimble frigates, of proportions most fit for public service, with speed.

13. The quorum of the Committee to examine Sir Adam Loftus' account to be 2 or more.

14. Col. Hewson and Mr. St. Nicholas to be a Committee to examine those suspected of printing and publishing certain seditious and scandalous pamphlets.

16. Lawrence, Tichborne, and Courtney to be a Committee to examine the claims made to the mastership of Katherine's Hospital, by James Freeze and Dr. Cox, and to report both their claims to Council. Meanwhile all proceedings as to the exercise of the mastership are suspended.

17. The papers Mr. Freeze gave to Council about the abuses in the government of Katherine's Hospital referred to the said Committee.

18. The petition of Sir David Watkins, and Wm. Witherings referred to the Committee for farming the post-office, to examine their claims to the post-office, and report. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 26–31.]

Oct. 1. The Gillyflower, 2 leagues off Scarborough.

2. Capt. Jno. Hayward to the Council of State. By order of Rear-Admiral Lawson I convoyed merchant ships to Hamburg, and being at anchor in the Elbe, Gen. Monk ordered me to convoy to the Thames the masts and powder bought there by Bradshaw, the Resident. We sailed 22 Sept., hoping to meet Capt. Hill's squadron. We heard that 12 Holland men-of-war were sent out of the Texel to intercept us, but this and much foul weather notwithstanding, we have all arrived safely except 2; viz., an Iceland bark, laden with fish,

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which was taken by the Dutch, but retaken by Capt. Oddy, of the Nonsuch, and a small ketch, bound also for London; they lost sight of our fleet by foul weather. The fleet consists of 4 men-of-war, 2 ships, laden with masts, another with powder, and 25 with merchant goods, mostly bound for London. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 1. Newcastle. **3.** Edw. Wyfold to Edw. Marston. My master has almost completed the purchase of beef and pork at the various seaport towns for the service of next year, and has now gone to London, leaving me to assist Mr. Thompson, the agent here, in taking an account of the cattle to be killed. I shall remain with him the winter, if you think it will be to my advantage. Give my mother a line thereon; remember me to Capt. Wildey and Mr. Harvey. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 2. Harwich. **4.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I received the order to the Governor of Landguard to maintain a guard here as occasion requires, as also the order of the Lord-General for a troop to keep up the authority of the service. I think the state of this place, and of the present affairs here, was not fully known or forseen by those who procured the order to demolish this garrison; but being upon the place, we are sensible of it, and of the boldness of several who dared not adventure before, who now proceed to throw down not only the line but a fort, which was formerly a main guard, and the only place I had to commit to, or secure persons in. Unless some such place be continued, and a guard maintained, I shall desire to be removed, rather than be forced to see such violence and insolence committed, and no power to suppress it.

We had a taste yesterday of what we may frequently look for, and I was forced to be more mild than I should have been if I had been in another capacity; yet I was forced to make a shift to reduce them, with great trouble. What I have suffered already, as to this part, besides the care of all other matters, is not fit for me to relate, but I am sure it will much benefit the service, and encourage honest instruments, when the pride and insolence of men's spirits dare not show itself. I have presumed to stop the throwing down the fort or mount until I hear from you.

The Mary prize and Gift sail to-day, the captains having received orders from General Monck. Business goes on slowly in comparison with what I desire. I can do little without another hulk, the old one being sunk, and a supply of masts. Particulars of ships.

A greater part of the seamen and many of the officers are absent, but by the time they return, and have been paid, many of the ships will be ready to sail; if they could be supplied with clothes on board at any honest rate, that would be best.

I was always slow about purchasing the house, and although I am clear from any temptation of desiring to make my habitation here, yet I might be thought to do what is too common, viz., drive on private design under public pretences; therefore could I have done less in faithfulness to the service, I was resolved never to move

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in it; but since it is thought fit not to conclude about it, I will only add that I have proceeded as far as I can, and promised an answer to-morrow, and in case it is otherwise disposed of, and we want it hereafter, I hope I shall be blameless. The place I am in gives me little content, and were it not in obedience to commands, I would wish myself out of it.

I have written the Lord-General as to guarding the town, being doubtful whether a sufficient number can be spared from Landguard fort, and desire your furtherance, so that some small company of foot may be sent hither, and that the fort, which was the place of the main guard, may be kept up. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 3. Order in Parliament that the Council of State have power to make an embargo, when and for such times as they think fit, for the good of the State.

That they examine what moneys are in the hands of Hugh Audley, belonging to idiots, lunatics, or wards, or any he has in trust as an officer of the Court of Wards, and report. [*I.* 90, *p.* 25.]

Oct. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Strickland, Moyer, and Jones to be a Committee to send for Dr. Walker, and confer with him on the business under debate in Council this morning.

2. The draft of the commission and instructions for regulating of the passage at Dover referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to consider and report.

3. The warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower, made on a judgment in the Admiralty Court, to deliver to Hen. Hilverwen 3 bars and 2 spars of silver now kept in the Tower, cancelled, and the order on which the warrant was granted reversed.

4. Dr. Whistler to accompany Ambr. Whitelock on his embassy to Sweden as physician.

5. The whole of the arms and ammunition contained in a list given in by Commissary Fowler as necessary to be sent to Scotland to be furnished, and half the rest of the materials contained in the list to be sent also.

6. The Admiralty Committee to hear Denis Taylor's report of the spoiling of timber in Woolmer forest, and to act accordingly.

7. The 1,023 ounces of the late King's plate, now in Carew Harvey Mildmay's hands, to be allowed to him in lieu of a debt of 1,047*l.* 4*s.* due to him from the King, and a warrant to be issued to him to take it.

9. The power given to Col. Thos. Pride, John Thorne, George Horne, and Thos. Edgeley, for the service of the cure of Bartholomew the Less, London, to be prolonged for 3 months.

10. To send Majors Hawkesworth and Bridges the petition of Wm. Cooper, Rich. Knight, John Fauks, and Foulke Wheatley, about appointing a minister in the chapel of Henley in Arden, and desire them to take care that the order of the late Parliament be observed, and peace preserved.

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Oct. 3. Council of State. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

11. The petition of Mary Durham referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to put her into the same condition as others of the late King's servants.

12. The members of Council now in Town to attend to-morrow afternoon on the business of the winter guard. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 32-5.]

Oct. 3. Leghorn. **5.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. The Dutch fleet of war mentioned in mine of the 19th Sept. returned into port through foul weather, but left again this week for the west, being 9 sail besides merchantmen; most think it is to lie at the Straits' mouth to intercept fish ships, their season now approaching. We have advice that a Dutch fleet of 15 sail, that lay all this summer at the Straits' mouth, departed homewards on 28 Aug., with as many merchantmen in their company; also that young Tromp with his 5 ships was met in the Straits' mouth a month since, and it was supposed he was going home.

I cannot say more touching our navigation in these seas or mercantile affairs for want of letters from you; but good purchases might be got if you sent a fleet into these seas without making any noise of their coming. Since our nation has been ousted, the Dutch and French have trebled their trade for Turkey; it is ordinary to have a small Frenchman of 140 tons worth 50,000*l.*, and of these there are many in the Levant, besides Dutch ships of twice that value. If you intend a fleet for these seas this winter, as soon as they are come into the Straits, let 4 or 5 frigates be sent to ply between Cape Spartavento and the eastern end of Malta, where they cannot fail to meet with all ships from the Levant. They should not speak at any port, or make themselves known, neither should their design be known in England until a month after their departure; for if it be known here, news will be carried to all parts, and your ships prevented of that purchase that otherwise cannot well miss them. All their prizes, as well ships as goods, may be sold here at their full value, and the money lie here to supply the fleet, without putting the state to any charge, and thus a trade may again be quickly opened to our navigation.

A year since the Council of State wrote me of 20,000*l.* they were to receive of the king of Portugal at Lisbon, which they intended this way for redemption of captives. I advised them that there was no exchange thence, nor extraction of Spanish money from Portugal, so that it seemed to me the best way to employ the money was in goods to be sent hither. If that money is still extant, and the same resolution continues of sending it this way from Lisbon, then you may please to know that pepper has risen 25 per cent., and will be more beneficial than sugar or any other commodity that comes from Lisbon.

The Council of State likewise wrote me about buying gunpowder at 4*l.* 10*s.* per barrel, which could not then be had, but now it may. If you intend a fleet this way, let me know, that I may provide requisites for them. With copy of his letter of 19 Sept. [3 *pages.*]

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Oct. 3. Dover. **6.** Katherine Dawkes to Edw. Marston. On 7 Sept. last, the sea broke in, and carried away 4 of my houses, and part of my household stuff valued 700*l.*; as it is the loss of my whole estate, I beg you will advise me what course I must adopt to sue the Parliament and Council of State for some consideration, as also for the money due to my deceased husband. As the bearer, Mr. Browne, wishes to see my writings, I desire you will let him peruse them, but they are to continue in your hands. [¾ *page.*]

[Oct. 4.] **7.** Petition of Robert Wrenford, Wm. Kneviton, and Nich. Ellis, to the Council of State, for appointment of a person of trust and quality, to examine them as to their discovery of 30,000*l.* due to the State, as also how considerable other sums may be secured and brought into the treasury, they being allowed a 4th part of all they discover. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 4. **8.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page; also I.* 71, *p.* 40.]

[Oct. 4.] **9.** Petition of Robt. Orchard, master of the Rainbow, to the Council of State, for compensation for the loss of all his money, instruments, and clothes, value 82*l.*, through the surprisal by the Dutch of the Garland wherein he was master. Has sinced served in the Rainbow, and been in 3 engagements. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

9. I. *Certificate by Gen. Monk on his behalf,* 29 *Sept.* 53. [⅓ *page.*]

Oct. 4. **10.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 71, *p.* 49.]

Oct. 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The disposal of Dutch prisoners with as great advantage as may be referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

2. **11, 12.** The Admiralty Commissioners to bring in to Council a list of such ships as can first be made ready, and to report their qualities, and how soon they can be got ready.

3. Dr. Staynes, Muster-Master General to the Army, to appoint one of his deputies muster-master to muster the Dutch prisoners, and give an account of their musters to the Committee for Prisoners.

5. The Lord General to be authorised to give Mr. Perre a pass to the Low Countries.

6, 7. **13.** Order on Robert Tatnall's petition, to pay him his arrears due for keeping the late Admiralty Committee's chamber in Whitehall, out of Council's contingencies, and to recommend him to the present Admiralty Commissioners for employment under them, as his former employment is at end.

8. An allowance of 10*s.* a week to be paid him as a pension out of Council's contingencies, till the Admiralty otherwise provide for him.

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9. The licences ordered to the 3 deputies of Bordeaux for the import of French wines to be made out severally for 100 tuns.

10. **14.** Order,—on report of the Admiralty Commissioners that the navy requires a house at Harwich for laying up stores, and that a suitable house is now vacant,—that they order Major Bourne to buy the said house at as reasonable a rate as he can.

11. Order, on report from the Admiralty Committee on a petition of David Young, mariner,—for a vessel of 50 tons at the prize office, at the value it is appraised, in consideration of the loss of the use of his right hand through a wound received in the last fight against the Dutch,—that the Commissioners for Prize Goods sell him such a vessel. *Annexing,*

15. *Report alluded to.* 1 *Oct.* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

12. The Council to meet to-morrow at 2 p.m.

14. Mr. Courtney and Hollister added to Col. Sydenham, and two of them to be a Committee to receive a proposition of discovery from a person known to Sydenham, and to report.

16. John Watson to be appointed steward of Whittlewood Forest, to keep swanimote and attachment courts, for preventing the great spoils of timber which Council are informed are daily committed in the forest.

18, 19, One foot company to be raised in Weymouth and Melcombe Regis for the service and preservation of the town, and George Plea to be its captain.

20. The said captain to send up the names of such men as he desires to be officers, that if Council approve, the General may be desired to give them commissions.

21. Also to train and exercise the company and other able-bodied inhabitants to defend the town against foreign or domestic invasion.

22. The necessary arms and ammunition to be allowed to the company out of the public stores, and a list thereof to be sent for the approval of Council.

23. The company to be maintained by the town in an equal proportion as formerly.

24. Such ordnance as has been taken from any persons of the said town for the public service to be restored to them.

25. Such ordnance as belongs to the State, with carriages, provisions, powder, and shot necessary for the blockhouse and jetty forts, and other fit places next the sea, to be left for defence of the town, and a list thereof sent to Council.

26. The Governor of Portland to take care of Sandsfoot Castle, and place therein sufficient soldiers to defend it from surprise.

27. Col. Sydenham to be president of the Council for the remaining days of Mr. Howard's presidency, as he is not well enough to attend.

28. The petition of Thos. Minshall of Erdswick, co. Chester, referred to Mr. St. Nicholas and Mr. Moyer, to report.

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29. The timber intended for the fortifications of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis, and such materials as belonged to the fort lately demolished, to be given to the town for repair of the bridges and quays, and other public uses, by authority of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 37–42.]

Oct. 4. **16.** Lord Gen. Cromwell to [Rich.] Lawrence. The annexed letter of Sir Thos. Bendish bespeaks Capt. Thos. Galilee to be valiant man, and, though now a captive, true to his trust. Such a man may do his country good service. His father says 2 lines from my hand to you will procure his release, which I cannot refuse to the father of such a son. Do your best for him, which will be acceptable to the State and me. [½ *page. Copy.*]

Oct. 4. The Elizabeth, Downs. **17.** Capt. Christ. Myngs to the Admiralty Committee. I received the Vice-Chancellor of Poland and his retinue on board at Dover on Friday the 1st instant, and landed them at Dieppe on the 3rd. Next day I saw 23 sail 10 leagues off Dieppe, amongst which were 3 Holland men-of-war, 2 of which stood out and fought us, but receiving some damage, they bore away to leeward of the fleet; so we forthwith stood with the fleet, and we brought them by the Lee into the Downs. Capt. Allinton of a private man-of-war came in after they struck, and manning two of them, came along with us, and thus secured the rest into the Downs. We had two dangerous shots in the main and fore mast, which must be fished, and we lost our master. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 4. **18.** Commission by Robt. Blake, Geo. Monck, John Desborow, and Wm. Penn, admirals and generals appointed by Parliament to command the fleet in the present expedition, to John Fowler, appointing him judge advocate thereof, to attend at any councils of war or court-martials that may be called on shipboard; also to examine any persons that are now or shall be in custody for offences against the laws of war; salary 8*s.* a day. [1 *page. Copy.*]

Oct. 4. **19.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that—as it was agreed that a judge advocate should be allowed for better regulating the fleet and punishing offences against the laws of war, at 8*s.* a day, with proviso that an assistant, if needful, be paid out of it—the Navy Commissioners order payment to Thos. Debanck, assistant, of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day from 15 March to 30 Sept. 1653, defalcating it from the allowance to Advocate Fowler. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 5. Act for relief of creditors and poor prisoners, appointing Hen. Proby, Peter Elliston, and 15 others, to be judges, and determine the causes of imprisonment of all in the prisons of the Upper Bench, Fleet, Gatehouse, Compter in Surrey, or Whitechapel. If they find debts owing by them, to pay them out of their estates, and to act as by the statute against bankrupts, which the prisoners are to be accounted, unless they pay their debts before 1 April next. No settlement of property to be valid if made after debt incurred. Fraud to be punished by a fine not exceeding double the value, part to be paid to

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1653. the creditors and the remainder to the county treasurer for maimed soldiers. Those who cannot pay the fine to be sentenced to the pillory or workhouse, or both.

Prisoners who will not pay their just debts when able to be closely imprisoned. If in prison for debts of others, the estates of those others to be made liable.

No payments or real settlements made before 4 Oct. 1653 to be impeached by this Act.

If prisoners escape, and their estates will not pay their debts, the rest is to be paid out of the estate of their gaoler, or those who have given security for their imprisonment, all which securities are to be vested in the said judges, and the gaoler whose estates are seized to be reimbursed therefrom.

All prisoners committed before 30 June 1653, but not proceeded against, to be discharged with damages. Debtors who can pay and will not, or who have run into debt through vice are to be sent to the workhouse or house of correction.

The said Commissioners are also to hear cases touching charities for prisoners; have a table of moderate fees hung up in gaols; order the selling to them of wholesome beer and provisions, &c.

Appointment of judges for all other counties and towns in England, Wales, and Berwick-on-Tweed, to carry out this Act. Cases of difficulty to be brought before Parliament.

Proviso that this Act extend not to lands appointed to be sold for treason, nor to the estates of Popish recusants, nor to those of the Earl of Huntingdon, Viscount Loftus of Ely, or Robert or Algernon Peyton, but the judges may order the payment of fines for delinquency, so as to have the estates discharged. They may also sell and dispose of bankrupts' estates, and the estates of deceased prisoners, and relieve those imprisoned for fines. They may take examinations on oath, employ a clerk and messenger, and receive 6*d.* in the pound salary. [21 *pages. Printed Collection of Acts, Vol I. No.* 73, *Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*.]

Oct. 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Major and Col. Jones to be a committee to hear from MM. Blarre and Dorect whether they have yielded the 60 tuns of French wine, part of the 200 to be imported by M. de Lambemont, and whether they have granted it freely to them or not, and report.

2. A warrant to be issued to the Admiralty Judges to prepare 10 blank commissions for private men-of-war for Scotland, to be issued by the Admiralty Commissioners there to such persons as they think fit. .

3. The report which was to be made to Parliament by Mr. St. Nicholas about the Earl of Shrewsbury's petition to be made by Col. Jones.

5. James Wayte, Robert Hanham, Thos. Locke, and Henry Barnes to be committed, 2 of them to the Gatehouse and 2 to Newgate, for printing and publishing seditious and scandalous pamphlets.

6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare instructions for

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Ambassador Whitelock's embassy to Sweden, and send them to Council on Friday.

7. Letters of news from time to time to be reported to Parliament, and the letter this day received from the commander of the Elizabeth, giving notice of the bringing in of 20 Dutch prizes, to be reported to-morrow by the Lord President. [*See p.* 186, *supra.*]

8. Sir Charles Wolsley, Col. Jones, and Mr. Moyer to be a committee to view the oath of secresy taken by members of Council, and report.

9. The petition of Lionel Skinner referred to the Committee for regulating the Customs, and they desired speedily to consider and give orders about it.

11. **20.** A main body of great and small ships to be prepared with all speed to go to sea this winter, and the Admiralty Committee to give orders for their preparing and fitting out.

12. Mr. Lawrence to represent to Parliament that Council, taking notice of the coming out of several scandalous pamphlets, employed certain persons to discover the authors, printers, and publishers, who succeeded in finding some; and that the examination of some of these pamphlets is offered to Parliament, and they moved to consider what shall be done to prevent such publications, and what shall be the punishment of the 4 publishers and printers now confined by Council.

13. To write to the bailiffs of Yarmouth about the difference which happened in choosing a registrar for marriage, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament; and to desire them to endeavour to compose it amongst themselves, and if this cannot be done, to report.

14. Such of the registers of Scotland now in custody of Mr. Ryley, in the Tower, as concern private persons' rights, sureties, and conveyance of lands, bonds, and contracts betwixt party and party with their warrants, which are already separated in a room by themselves, to be sent back to Scotland, and disposed of by the Commissioners for the administration of justice there.

The Committee for Irish and Scotch affairs to see to their sending, and to order Mr. Ryley to separate the rest of the private registers and warrants thereof, and private securities, from those of public concernment, that they may be returned in due time.

15. The petitions of Mr. Ryley and his servant, about the pains taken and to be taken by them in sorting the said registers, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 44–47.]

Oct. 5. 9 a.m. Chatham. **21.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Committee. I have just had 200 of the Unicorn's company refusing to go on board unless paid; neither I nor Capts. Lane and Bourne can prevail with them; we must either submit to settle with them, which would be very dishonourable and an extreme ill precedent, or I must have a troop of horse sent down forthwith; they will be of singular use. I hope to get the Unicorn, Fairfax, Laurel, and Kentish to the Hope next week. [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 5. Chatham. **22.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Committee. No arguments would prevail with the men of the Unicorn, Kentish, or Laurel to go to their duty, though we promised them money and 6 or 8 days' leave at the Hope. They cried one and all for London, and I think they are gone thither. I want a list of the winter guard, for there are the Happy Entrance and some Flemish prizes to be launched. The troop has arrived, but I will only make use of them in pressing necessities. Math. Macline, Jno. Gregory, and Kendall headed the mutiny yesterday. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 5. **23.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that, as it was thought fit that a Marshal-General should attend the fleet, to imprison and punish offenders against the laws of war, with 2 deputies; and as the generals who were to choose the men chose Thos. Blackman, with Thos. Jones, and Rich. Baker as his deputies, the Navy Commissioners make out bills for payment to Blackman of 4*s.* a day from 25 March to 30 Sept. last; to Baker 2*s.* a day; the same to Mary, widow of Jones, who was slain in the George, from 6 April to 31 July; and to John Smith, since employed as deputy, from 12 Aug. to 30 Sept. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 6. Order in Parliament on a letter from the Elizabeth frigate, in the Downs, from Capt. Chris. Myngs, of Oct. 4th, that the Council of State take notice of the captain of that ship, and consider the widow and children of the master who was slain. [*I.* 90, *p.* 26.]

Oct. 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Lord General to give orders from time to time to Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood in Ireland, and Col. Lilburne in Scotland, for securing of the islands of Scotland.

2. **24.** The Admiralty Commissioners to advise with the Lord General concerning what number of ships may be spared to be sent to the islands of Scotland, and to give orders accordingly.

3. Lawrence, Strickland, Wolsley, and Jones to be a Committee to consider that part of Mr. Hooke's letter relating to the practice of the Dutch with the natives in New England, speak with Mr. Winslow, consider the whole matter, and report.

4. Dr. Holmes to be desired to send a copy of the book he formerly presented to Council to Mr. Caryll, Owen, and Sterry, that Council may receive their judgment thereupon.

5. On account of the great magazine of powder stored on the top of the White Tower, the Lieutenant to be ordered to take care of the key of the door on the top of the White Tower, and no one to be allowed to go on to the leads of the Tower without his knowledge.

6. The petition of George Jameson of Cowper in Scotland referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the account of the petitioner and report.

8. On report from the Admiralty Committee, approval of what has been done by —— Ashfield, governor of Aberdeen, in selling to

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the best advantage 38 fisher boats taken by the generals of the fleet from the Dutch and sent in to him, and order for its confirmation by the Admiralty Court in England.

9–11. To write to —— Ashfield, to tell him to pay the Commissioners in Scotland such sums as he has received on the sale of the vessels. Also to the Commissioners in Scotland, to issue the money on directions of Col. Lilburne, particularly for the fortification of the Isles of Scotland. Also to Col. Lilburne to issue directions for its application to the said fortification, and he is effectually to proceed with the fortification, and to issue order to the said Commissioners from time to time, for payment of the money. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 50–3.]

Oct. 6. **25.** List by Luke Whittington, of beds, bedding, and clothes belonging to him, and left with Edw. Prinkes of Flushing. [¾ *pages.*]

Oct. 7. **26.** Act for accounts, clearing of public debts, and discovering frauds or concealments of anything due to the commonwealth.

All persons who, since 25 March 1648, have received for the State money, plate, horses, arms, or anything else on a public faith bill by virtue of Acts or Orders of Parliament (except the assessments for army and navy), or have given certificates of money advanced, are before 25 Dec. to deliver in an alphabetical list of all the persons, and of the sums so received.

Also all Commissioners and auditors entrusted to allow soldiers' accounts or give debentures are to bring in similar lists, stating by what power they acted.

The same for all who have paid money on public faith bills, or by doubling in any purchase.

Also all who claim moneys on public faith are to send in their claims by 25 March. All who put in false claims, or who conceal lands, money, plate, jewels, &c. belonging to the Crown since 1640, or belonging to bishops, deans, or chapters since 1646, or to delinquents not yet discovered, and do not discover the same before 25 Dec., are to forfeit triple the value, and be sequestered till the fine is paid.

All neglectors of the above orders are to be liable to actions at law; all discoverers to be allowed ⅕ of their discoveries, but any person unjustly molesting another is to pay him all damages accruing therefrom, giving security so to do before he enters any information.

Any delinquent discovering any part of his own estate not sequestered within 3 months, may compound for it at ¼ of the value.

Major Wm. Bridges, John Greensmith, Simon Cressy, Mark Coe, Rob. Perwich, Phil. Tandy, and Wm. Maddison, to be the Commissioners, with power to send for persons or records, examine on oath, and commit to custody.

All persons who detain 30 days moneys adjudged by the Commissioners to be due are to be sequestered till payment; the House to be acquainted with difficult cases. [6 *pages printed.*]

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Oct. 7. Order in Parliament that the Council of State pay to the Earl of Clanricard 600*l.*, in part of the 1,200*l.* voted to him by Parliament Sept. 20th 1652. [*I.* 90, *p.* 25.]

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2. The parcel of almanacs seized by the Stationers' Company from Mr. White, printed by him from Mr. Goldsmith's copy, to be restored to White by the said Stationers, and the master and company and White to settle their difference according to law as to the printing of the almanac.

3. Mr. Moyer to move Parliament to appoint a Committee to examine into the state of the receipt of the public revenue, and to give fit directions for its management.

4. To write to the Governor of Portsmouth that Council think the walls and works of Arundel Castle should be slighted, and the place disgarrisoned; to desire him to do the same, and to sell the salt and victuals now in the Castle towards defraying the charge of slighting the walls and works, which is to be done with some of the powder now in the Castle, and the rest of the powder to be sent to Portsmouth. Also to report his proceedings.

5. To write the Army Committee what is done about disgarrisoning Arundel Castle, and to desire that the pay of that place be allowed to the garrison of Portsmouth, for increasing the number of private soldiers in the several companies.

6. The making of a representation to Council of the Isle of Wight, and what is the best way to alter the several garrisons in the said island, and what is to be done for its safety, referred to the Governor of the Isle of Wight, upon a motion made to Council by the Lord General.

7. The petitions for convoy of the several shipmasters bound for Rouen referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to assign them one.

8. The salary due to Henry Shotwell for sweeping the chamber of the Committee for lodgings in Whitehall, to be paid from Council's contingencies.

9. **27.** The petition of Eliz. Warren, widow, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

10. Mr. Fauconberg to pay Mr. Allen, minister of Odiham, co. Hants, the arrears of his augmentation from first fruits and tenths, the late restraint notwithstanding.

11. To write to the officers of Customs at Bristol to restore to the master of the Peter of Olonne all the goods in their custody, as she is to have a warrant for her return to France.

12. Mr. Moyer or Mr. Courtney to be a Committee to examine Mr. Dod, Royston, and Tomlyns, about printing and publishing of certain scandalous papers, and to report. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 55–8.]

Oct. 7. Chatham. **28.** Capt. Jas. Reynolds to the Admiralty Committee. Coming up in company of Capt. Goodson, we met a tumultuous company of seamen between Gravesend and Chatham, headed by several inferior officers of my own and other ships; their malice appeared wholly against me, accusing me as the sole instrument why they have not

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been paid, saying that their money was told out on the table and I detained it. Neither I nor Capt. Goodson could prevail with them in anything. The seamen have been incensed against me since I was 2 days in London, and it is a mercy I escaped with my life. Commissioner Pett and other captains here have agreed to pay 1s. 6*d.* a day to those who will give attendance on board, so the work will be better done in the absence of the others, and I hope next week to be in Tilbury Hope. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 7. Plymouth. **29.** Capt. N. Heaton to Robt. Blackborne. Being near the Isle of Bass last Monday, in company of the Pearl, we sighted sail, whereupon he chased westward, and I to the east, in pursuit of a Brest man-of-war, and so separated; at sunset near the Sept Isles, I had sight of 8 sail, to whose company the Brest ship went; having the weather gauge, I resolved to keep them company, and by their carrying a light and other symptoms, I knew them to be ships of good force or men-of-war.

As soon as it was light on Tuesday, I found by their colours they were Frenchmen, viz., admiral, vice, and rear, and 5 others, some of 10, 8, and 6 guns besides the Brest man-of-war. I having the wind bore with their admiral, a frigate of 24 guns. In a line with him lay his vice and rear admiral, the rest being some ahead and others astern. At 7 a.m., being 4 leagues from the Sept Isles, and with a temperate gale, I fired 2 guns at the admiral, who answered with a broadside; I then bore up, thinking to board her, for he was the best sailer, but he soon put before the wind, and shortly after I got between him and his vice-admiral, where I plied both sides. After some balls were tossed, the vice-admiral cried for quarter, the admiral ran, and the fleet was dispersed. I made to the admiral, and at musket shot distance, it fell calm, and there we disputed until 2 p.m.; then I left him, fearing the other that had yielded would go, as I had no men on board of her; I then sent a boat full on board, and chased again, and before 5 p.m., I had taken another, and by 8 p.m., became master of the rear-admiral also. Thus God in mercy not only delivered me from them, who were men-of-war as well as merchantmen, but also gave me a happy and beneficial victory for the commonwealth.

I took the St. John de Grace of St. Malo, vice-admiral, of 300 tons and 22 guns, laden with linen, bound to Calais, and carrying 80 men, of which 14 were slain, and 15 wounded, the captain and lieutenant mortally; also the 3 Kings of Hamburg, called Regis Admiral, 130 tons and 10 guns, laden with 40 tons of wheat and cloth, and carrying 50 men bound for Calais, and the Chaceflower of St. Malo, 80 tons, with 15 men and 2 guns, laden with beef and pork for St. Christopher's. I had 4 men slain, and my lieutenant, boatswain, and 5 more wounded; I have 3 shots in the mainmast, by which it is unserviceable, and the bowsprit is disabled. Pray move the Commissioners for an order that I may be speedily fitted, as there are masts here that will serve. One of my guns is also split. [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 7. **30.** Order in the Admiralty Committee. Great inconvenience accrues by the delay in refitting ships sent into harbour, for prevention of which the commanders are to be henceforth enjoined to attend on board, to look to the speedy refitting and manning. The Navy Commissioners are therefore, on notice given, to cause the commanders to be entered into sea pay as soon as any workmen are employed on their ships, and their attendance is to be strictly observed, and any neglect certified. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 8. **31.** Petition of Miles Flesher, master, and Hum. Robinson and other wardens of the Stationers' Company, to the Council of State. We were commanded by your warrant of 20 Sept. to search for and seize two almanacs by Wharton and Fitz-Smith, which contained scandalous matter against the Government, and thereupon searched the houses of several printers, and particularly that of Robt. White, printer, and seized 5,000 such almanacs in several places.

In the house of White, who caused Wharton's Almanac to be printed, and offered it to be entered in our register, we found another Almanac printed under the name of Goldsmith, which, because it was not entered in our register, according to the direction of the late Act, and because we have a right therein, confirmed by the said Act, which made the same forfeited, we seized also, by virtue of another warrant, brought the same to Stationers' Hall, and gave Mr. Frost an account of our proceedings.

White thereupon complained to the Council of State, who referred the matter to the Irish and Scotch Committee, but we hope we have satisfied them that we have done nothing contrary to the said Act and your warrant.

We, or our predecessors, purchased the right of printing all almanacs from such as had a grant thereof from Queen Elizabeth, for which we paid above 1,000*l.*, and the same was ratified by a grant from King James, and has been enjoyed by us 60 years, and out of the profits thereof, and of some other small books, 200*l.* a year has been paid to our poor for many years. The right was confirmed to us by the late Parliament in June 1643, and September 1649. By our enjoyment thereof, the commonwealth is not in the least prejudiced, and without this we cannot support ourselves or our poor, nor pay the many hundred pounds borrowed for the State's service, nor serve the State as we do daily, with great hazard and expense.

We beg approval of the seizure, and protection of our rights and privileges against the malice of our enemies.

[Oct. 8.] **32.** Remonstrance of the Stationers' Company, arguing the necessity of supervision of the press, detailing the grants thereof to themselves, and justifying their seizure of the almanacs found in the house of Robt. White, a printer in the city of London, under the before-mentioned grants and Acts of Parliament. [3½ *pages.*]

Oct. 8. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Committee for Prisoners to think of some fit person by whose means the English prisoners in Holland may be taken care of upon their exchange, and be enabled to return to England.

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3. The passes formerly granted to Peter de Brun, for importing 100 tuns of French wine, to be enlarged to the returning of the ship which shall bring it in.

4. The Lieutenant of the Tower, Dr. Staynes, Mr. Downing, and Mr. Phelps, appointed to sort the Scotch records in the Tower, to report their doings to Council, and meantime not to permit any records to go to Scotland but what shall be particularly viewed by them.

5. Order on petition of Francis Gambull, that a pass be granted him to return to England, he entering into a bond to Mr. Thurloe in 1,000*l.*, and 500*l.* each for two sureties, to act nothing to the prejudice of the commonwealth.

6. Order, on petition of Robert Filbrigg, for admittance into the office of keeping the Records of the Prerogative Office, that he be joined to Mr. Browne therein, provided Browne be contented therewith.

7. Mr. Strickland to present the state of the mastership of Katherine's Hospital to Parliament, for them to consider and give order.

8. Wolsley, Strickland, and Tichborne to repair to Ambassador Whitelock, to tell him that Council desires him to use all expedition in his journey to Sweden, his dispatch being of great concern.

9. Mr. Attorney-General to prepare a commission for Whitelock to go to Sweden from the commonwealth.

10. **33.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint fit ships of war, and such as can soon be got ready, to carry him to Sweden. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 60–2.]

Oct. 8. **34.** Report by Dr. Walter Walker, And. Riccard, John Crouther, and Thos. Player, of the damage done to the Friendship, John Blake commander, hired by the Guinea Company for a voyage to Gambia. It left the Thames September 1651, reached Gambia in November, anchored and traded three months, when a fleet, under Princes Rupert and Maurice, coming up in March 1652, assaulted and took it, with the goods, negroes, &c. on board. Prince Maurice told Blake that being at the Portuguese island of St. Iago, the Governor desired him to go to the Gambia river, and take or destroy three English vessels, the Friendship and 2 pinnaces, on account of the trade of the Portuguese in the river, and gave him pilots and provisions. The Portuguese in the river, by the said Governor's order, murdered 7 of the Friendship's men.

The river of Gambia is so full of shelves and sands that but for the pilots and a carval to conduct the Princes' fleet, they could not have come up, and Prince Maurice said to Blake, "See what friends you have of the Portugals, for had it not been for them, we had never come hither and taken you."

The Princes took the ship to St. Iago, and gave the Governor 800 or 900 hides out of her spoil. The Commissioners of Portugal will do nothing in it, saying it concerns the Governor of St. Iago, not the King of Portugal. The value of the ship, carefully estimated, is 3,200*l.* and 384*l.* for interest lost, not including mariners' wages, the losses of the freighters and owners of goods, or the pinnaces also surprised and taken. [6 *pages.*]

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Oct. 9. Harwich. **35.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been round the coast, to observe the state of affairs. The bailiffs at Southwold, Woodbridge, and Yarmouth complain for want of money to discharge the quarters of the sick and wounded, being 500*l.* in arrear, and the inhabitants very poor; this may much discourage them for the future. There are 200 sick and wounded at Yarmouth, part whereof are to be sent to London.

I found also a quantity of defective beer there sent from the fleet, which I ordered to be surveyed, and disposed of. I have also given orders for fitting out two new frigates, but they will not be ready for three months. The frigates at Woodbridge may be built in 10 weeks. I hope next week will finish the work on some of the frigates, but most of the seamen are absent; if it was reported that money had been sent to pay them, it would draw them down.

There are a great number of Dutch prisoners here and at Yarmouth, many of whom are boys and aged and infirm people, neither able nor willing to do any service; as they are a great charge, I hope some course may be adopted to ease or prevent it. [1¾ *pages.*]

Oct. 10. **36.** Petition of Hen. King, master and part owner of the Trial of Wells, Norfolk, to the Council of State, for restoration of the said bark and goods to himself and other poor fishermen, to keep them and their families alive. Being on an Iceland voyage, was taken by the Dutch on the coast of Scotland, and retaken by the Gilliflower frigate, under Capt. Howard, and much of the fish, being very perishable, and other goods have been taken away since she was taken by the Dutch. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 10. **37.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page; also I.* 70, *p.* 72.]

Oct. 10. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To issue a warrant on Council's contingencies for 100*l.* to Dr. De la Marsh, chosen by Ambassador Whitelock as his other chaplain, one being already nominated and approved by Council.

2. Mr. Lawrence to present the instructions prepared by Council for Whitelock to Parliament, for their approval and confirmation; also his petition, this day presented to Council.

3. Rich. Royston, Rich. Thomlyns, and Edw. Dod, printers, apprehended on suspicion of having printed scandalous papers, to be set at liberty, on good bail to appear on summons.

4. Sir Ant. Ash. Cooper to desire the Admiralty Commissioners to hasten out a commission for the trial of certain persons taken as pirates, now prisoners at Dorchester and other western towns.

5. To write to the Mayor of Salisbury that Council are informed that the Dutch prisoners lately sent there have done much spoil upon the pillars of the cloisters, and the windows of the library, they being committed to custody there; also that due care not having been exercised over them, many have escaped; to desire him to take an account of what damage has been done, and what

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number of them at present remain, and to report the whole state of the business.

6. Joshua Gosselin to be told that Council think his petition more fit for the Committee for Public Debts.

7. To write to the Commissioners of Sewers for London concerning the abuses done to the Tower Ditch by filling it up with the soil of adjoining houses, thereby making encroachments on it, much to the detriment of the place; and to desire them thoroughly to inquire into the matter, and punish the offenders according to the power given them by their commission.

9. The petition of Wm. Swift, servant to Ambassador Whitelock, referred to the Drury House Trustees, and they desired to give order for the stating of his accounts and paying him the arrears due for his services speedily, as he has to go away with Whitelock.

13. **38.** Power to be given to the Admiralty Commissioners to take out of any prize ships brought in by privateers any goods they find necessary for the service, they paying the current price.

14. 50*l.* to be paid out of Council's contingencies to Mr. Partridge, minister, to enable him to transport himself and family to Ireland, he being made choice of by Lord Gen. Fleetwood to go thither.

15. The Committee for Prisoners to take especial care that the Dutch prisoners now in the Mews be removed to Greenwich House, and that the Mews henceforth be kept free; also that the prisoners now at Chelsea College be forthwith removed thither, if convenient.

16. **39.** The Admiralty Committee to take care that sums due to several poor artificers for goods delivered by them into the stores, be paid, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Henry Hickman - - -	90	0	0
Edward Burrows - - -	1,896	4	0
Anthony Webster - - -	325	0	0
Henry Crouch - - - -	1,943	2	0
John Owen - - - -	26	13	0
Joshua Woolnough - - -	71	5	0
Thos. Smith - - - -	67	0	0
John Gace - - - -	255	0	0
Matthew Tarlton - - -	119	0	0
Matthew Tarlton - - -	316	13	4
Richard Price - - - -	162	10	0
Wm. Walker - - - -	200	0	0
Stephen Archbold - - -	100	0	0
Wm. Gardner - - - -	311	2	8
Roger Carlisle - - - -	42	13	4

17. John de la Barre to come to Council to-morrow.

18. Wolsley, Strickland, and Montague to be a Committee to receive propositions from Henry Robins, for the advantage of the commonwealth.

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20. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Ambassador Extraordinary from Portugal, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon in Whitehall. Fleming to give him notice,

21. A charge having been given in by John Carr against John Whetenhall, of Hankelow, co. Chester, which was referred to a Committee, who report that no part of it is proved, but that it was a malicious accusation on a private difference, order that Whetenhall be fully discharged attendance, and have leave to return home to the country.

22. The petition of Josias Crow with others referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

24. Also the papers sent to Council from the Portuguese Ambassador.

27. The petition of Jos. Brand, seaman, recommended to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do for him as is usual. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 64–73.]

Oct. 10. Hull. **40.** Thos. Johnson to Luke Whittington. When Mr. Parker came to me at Dunkirk, I satisfied him as to all charges, and paid him 49*l.* 15*s.*, but I perceive by Mr. Montfort that you charge him with the whole 40*l.* 16*s.*, which is as much more as it could be. I desire the 49*l.* 15*s.* may be repaid to Montfort by fair means, for it is not handsome of Parker to be twice paid. With note by Hen. Montfort that this is a copy of the original which he has. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 11. Order in Parliament—on Mr. Lawrence's report from the Council of State of a printed paper, entitled "A charge of high treason "exhibited against Oliver Cromwell, for several treasons by him committed," as also the information of Humfry Robinson and Joseph Hanscot, and the examinations of James Wayte, Robt. Hanham, Thos. Lock, and Henry Barnes,—that the Council of State consider the whole business, and report what they think fit for the prevention of like evils in future. [*I.* 90, *p.* 27.]

Oct. 11. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The goods mentioned in the following particular, which are now in Dalkeith House, Scotland, to be respited from sale, and assigned to the use of Col. Lilburne, commander-in-chief there.

In the dining room,—
8 pieces of large arras hanging.
2 Turkey work carpets.
15 leather chairs.
In Col. Tichborne's chamber,—
1 piece of hanging of forest work.
6 small pieces of hanging (imagery) very old.
1 bed of grey cloth furnished, with chairs and stools.
In Mr. Downing's chamber,—
4 pieces of old hangings, several sorts.
1 little bed furnished.

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2. Strickland, Jones, and Moyer to be a Committee to learn from Mr. Peters, Stapleton, and Cockayne the particular of the goods to be delivered to Amb. Whitelock, and to whom they would have the goods delivered, and to report.

3. The petition of Wm. Jenkins, mariner, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

4, 5. The letters from the agent from the Duke of Holstein and from the Spanish Ambassador, this day read, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

7. Order on petition of Col. George Cusent, that his case be recommended to the Ambassador of Spain, to have justice done him.

8. The petition of divers French mariners, taken out of the Lewis and Hunter, which came from Greenland, and sent up with Dutch prisoners to Chelsea College, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, who are to discharge all such as appear to be Frenchmen.

9. The paper of Mrs. Jane Brooke, offering a discovery, referred to the Committee for Advance of money sitting in Haberdasher's Hall.

10, 11. Dr. Walker to come to Council to-morrow, and —— Larner of Fleet Street Hill to appear to answer charges against him.

13. The petition of John Grace, of Court Town, co. Kilkenny, to be reported to Parliament by Col. Sydenham, who is to move them to dispense with the late Act enjoining the transplanting of Irishmen from their present places of abode into Connaught, in certain cases.

15. The petition and bill of John Midwood referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

17. The petition of Anne Aclam referred to the Admiralty Committee, to be dealt with as usual.

18. **41.** Also that of Elizabeth Chapman, for consideration for the loss of her son, slain in the Leopard in the Straits. Endorsed with shorthand notes of a report that the shipwrights have not built the new frigate in the river according to contract, either as to time nor weeks, and should not be depended on for the next summer's business. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 76–79.]

Oct. 11. **42.** Order by the Treasury inspectors to Blackwell and Deane to pay 30,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson for the navy, out of the 240,000*l.* on the present 6 months' assessment. Receipted 28 October. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 12. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Admiralty Judges to consider how such persons as have been taken prisoners at sea as pirates may be brought to trial, and to advise with Dr. Walker, and report.

2. The remainder of the money allowed to Ambassador Whitelock for his embassy to Sweden, viz., 3,000*l.*, to be charged on the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, and paid to such persons as he shall appoint.

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4. Copies of the English and Latin papers which have passed between Lord Lagerfeldt and Council, also those of M. Bonnell, and of his speech to Parliament, and of the treaties between Sweden and Denmark, and between England and Sweden, to be made out and delivered.

5. Whitelock to be furnished with foreign intelligence in his absence.

6. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to give an account of what goods they have in their custody which are claimed by the Queen of Sweden, there being certain instruments of music and strong waters, &c. claimed in her behalf.

7. Mr. Broughton,—in pursuance of the order of Parliament of the 11th instant, referring to Council how the printing and publishing of scandalous pamphlets may be hindered,—to report the draft of the Act in his hands for erecting a High court of justice.

8. Thos. Violet to be authorised from time to time to produce before the judges in the Admiralty Court such witnesses as he has to offer for the commonwealth, against the Samson, Salvadore, and George, or any of the goods brought in them, and to assist in bringing the same to trial.

9. The order of Parliament referring it to Council to repress scandalous pamphlets to be considered to-morrow.

10. The Lord General to order all the officers of the regiments on service in Scotland, who are in England, to repair forthwith to their charges.

11. Jones, Hope, Cooper, Montague, Lawrence, and Lisle to be a Committee to consider the present state of affairs in Scotland, and report.

12. **43.** The list of ships brought this day to Council from the Admiralty Committee, containing the names of those who are to command them, approved, power being reserved to the Admiralty Committee to remove or change the captains.

13, 25. 3 or 4 rooms in Gurney House to be allotted to Mr. Turner, and the rest of the Committee for Sick and wounded men, to meet in to despatch their affairs.

14. Mr. Carew to present to Parliament a list of the ships and their commanders to be employed in the winter's service.

17. The business offered this evening by Sir James Hope concerning Scotland to be considered next Friday.

19. Capt. Fauconberg to pay John Brayne's augmentation, the order of restriction notwithstanding.

20. The paper sent to-day to Council from the Hamburg agent referred to the Foreign Affairs' Committee.

23. **44.** Order on report from the Admiralty Committee—of the necessity of a master attendant in the yard at Woolwich, to despatch such ships as are or shall be fitted and built,—that a master attendant be appointed to reside there, at the salary of 100*l.* a year.

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24. Order on report of the said Committee on the petition of Hen. King, master of the Trial of Wells, Norfolk—that the captain of the Gilliflower, who retook her from the Dutch on the coast of Scotland, is willing to restore the ship and goods to the petitioner if so ordered by Council,—that the said vessel be delivered accordingly. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 83–88.] *Annexing,*

45. *Report of the Admiralty Committee alluded to.* 12 *October* 1653. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 13. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To order the Committee for Prisoners to remove from the Mews all Dutch prisoners, as Council has assigned Greenwich House for their keeping.

2. To send the Lord Mayor of London the petition of Edm. Chillenden, and desire him to redress the complaint therein contained.

4, 5. John Davies appointed minister of Much Birch, and John Ludgater of Witham, both co. Essex, and a letter to be written to the justices of peace there to put them into possession of the respective livings.

6. Mr. Fauconberg to pay the augmentation of Mr. Cuffley, minister of Arundel, the late restraint notwithstanding.

9. Two blank warrants to be prepared for the passing of 2 Dutch ships with English prisoners from the Netherlands to any port of England, and to return.

10. Council to consider to-morrow how the fleet may be supplied with seamen.

11. The commission constituting Lord Whitelock ambassador to the Queen of Sweden to be reported to Parliament by Mr. Lawrence, for their approbation.

12. **46.** The Admiralty Committee to send 3 or 4 good ships of war, whereof 1 or 2 shall be State's frigates of 35 or 40 guns, towards Scotland, and the Isles of Scotland, to ply up and down for the security of those places.

13. Courtney, Jones, and Broughton to be a Committee to consider the proposition of a discovery tendered by Capt. Price, and to report.[1]

14. The proposition of the discovery tendered to Council by Mrs. Brooke to be recommended to the Committee appointed by Act of Parliament for the business of Discoveries. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 90–93.]

Oct. 14. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's proceedings,

1. The order of the 7th inst., about restitution of certain almanacs taken by the Stationers' Company from Mr. White, revoked.

2. Cooper, Lawrence, Strickland, Viscount Lisle, and Hope to be a Committee to consider what measures are fit for suppressing scandalous pamphlets, and to report.

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3. Mr. Carew and Col. Jones to be a Committee to repair to the Committee of Parliament for petitions, and tell them the proceedings of Council in farming out the Post Office to Capt. Manley; what revenue it produces, and what obstruction is given to the income of what is to be paid to the commonwealth by the questioning of the business before them; and to desire that nothing may be done to the prejudice of the commonwealth, in hearing the claims of pretenders to the office, or reporting them to Parliament.

4. Tichborne, Broughton, and Moyer to be a Committee to examine —— Reader of Norwich, about his carrying letters between Norwich and London; also as to when he received the Council's summons to appear before them; and as they find his case, to restrain him still, or dismiss him on bail to appear upon summons.

6. Mr. Frost to remind Council, before any place be disposed of, of a certain person nominated for employment.

7. The Admiralty Judges to issue a Commission of oyer and terminer, in such form as they think fit, for the trial of pirates, in several parts of the nation.

8. **47.** The Admiralty Commissioners to prepare an additional Article of War, whereby all English, Irish, or Scotch men, taken in ships fighting against the commonwealth, or committing piracies upon any of its vessels, may be tried by the generals of the fleet and a council of war, according to martial law; and to report the article, that it may be reported to Parliament.

9. Flinch and Cooper, prisoners in the Isle of Wight, to be kept in safe custody by Capt. Bowerman, till security can be given for their good behaviour.

10. Mr. Thurloe to present to Council before Monday the names of 2 or 3 men fit to assist him in the business of Foreign Affairs, that Council may choose such as they think fit.

11. No petition to be read in Council unless first approved by a Committee of Council, which is to consist of any 3 or more who first meet, before the coming in of a quorum, who are to lay aside petitions not proper for Council's cognizance, and to report on the rest. The President of Council to see that this order is punctually kept.

12. All letters directed to Council to be opened in Council by the President, who shall acquaint Council therewith, and have them read openly, that fit answer may be returned.

13. Col. Sydenham to be president until Nov. 3rd.

14. The business of the fleet to be considered to-morrow, Council to meet at 3 p.m.

15. Also to meet at 8 a.m. to consider the business of Scotland.

16. Fauconberg to pay the augmentations of John Player, and Fras. Taylor, sen. and jun., preachers of Canterbury, and of Benj. Woodbridge of Newbury, from first fruits and tenths, any order of restriction notwithstanding.

17. To write to Capts. Rob. Aldrich and Fras. Russell about the information against Andrew Burrows of Amersham and Edward Perrott, concerning posting up in the market house of the said town

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scandalous papers tending to the disturbance of the peace; and to desire them to send for and examine the said persons, and their abettors and witnesses, and to report the whole matter.

18. To write to the justices of peace in co. Oxford to quiet Mr. Mathias Unity in possession of the living of Newnham Courtney, co. Oxford, he being formerly appointed to the cure of that place by the Committee for Plundered Ministers.

19. Sir John Wintour to be allowed to remain in the country for his health for 3 months longer, from the date of his last order, provided he remain within 30 miles of London.

20. The ship laden with hemp, flax, and iron, carried into Yarmouth by an English man-of-war, to be brought into the Thames, the goods being for the use of the navy, and a letter to be written to him who has her in custody, to bring her up.

22. To write to John Browne, John Trenchard, John Bingham, John Whitewey, and Rich. Burge, to keep secure Odbar, Pellie, and the other chief conspirators in co. Dorset, in order to their trial; but to release the rest on bail, telling them that they will be brought to trial in the county speedily; also to acquaint them that order is given for the issuing of a commission of oyer and terminer for the trial of the pirates committed in those parts. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 96–102.]

Oct. 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order,—on report of the Committee of Parliament for the preservation of customs, concerning the St. Peter of Olonne now under seizure at Bristol, on which the late letter of Council to the officers of customs at Bristol was grounded,—that the said Committee examine the case, and proceed against the said ship according to law, the said letter ordering the setting free of the ship and goods notwithstanding.

2. All letters and warrants relating to customs to be directed to the Commissioners of Customs in London, and not to any sub-commissioners of the out-ports.

3, 4. The paper of the agent from Geneva, and the letter of the agent of Hamburg of the 12th instant, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

5. Also the letter from the Secretary from Venice, to consider and prepare an answer to the paper therein mentioned, and to report.

6. To represent to Parliament concerning Scotland, that Council finds that the commissions granted for the administration of justice to the Scotch in things civil, and those for criminals, for the Exchequer, Universities and Affairs of the ministry, placing of sheriffs, and regulating of their courts, all expired the last day of this month; and to move Parliament to renew them, and to appoint Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Lawrence commissioners for administration of justice in place of Mr. Marsh and Mr. Owen, whom Council have recalled to England.

7, 8. Also to appoint Alex. Person of Southall, a Scottish gentleman, commissioner in the several above-mentioned commissions, and

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to order that the same persons be commissioners both for civil and criminal matters, but that the commissions be kept distinct.

9. Also to move Parliament to add a clause to the commission for the business of universities, to empower the commissioners to dispose of the profits of all vacant places to such pious uses as they think fit, with special regard to the places whence the profits arose.

10. Also to move Parliament that the clerks, officers, and dependents of the courts of justice in Scotland shall take no fees, but have a salary appointed them, to be paid out of the fees of the court, and as the 3,000*l.* formerly appointed is not sufficient, in respect of new clerks, officers, and servants, whom it has been necessary to employ, power should be given to the Commissioners for administration of justice to draw warrants on their own treasury for the additional salaries, not exceeding in all 4,000*l.*

15. To write to Mr. Williams, Bowen, and Dawkins that Council is informed that a very rich ship supposed to be Dutch ran lately into Milford Haven, the master and mariners of which went ashore to Mr. White's house, and after examination, were released, on pretence of coming from Ostend, and to desire them to examine Mr. White, inform themselves thoroughly of the business, and report.

16. The petition of Marg. Feyver to be transmitted to Col. Bingham and Pierre de Beauvoir, bailiff of Guernsey, to examine and compose the business if they can, or to certify.

17. The petition of Hester Cordwell, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to deal with as usual.

18. The petition and papers of Rich. Meredith referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

21. Order on petition of the inhabitants of Bredhurst and Lidging, Kent,—that Thos. Heron may be put in as minister of the chapel of ease in that parish, and receive its profits,—that a letter be written to the justices of peace to put him in possession.

22. The order of the 12th instant, for assignment of rooms in Gurney House for the Commissioners of sick and wounded men, revoked. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 104–7, 113, 114.]

Oct. 15. Proposals of William Thompson in behalf of the City of Edinburgh :—

(1.) That because the said city gave satisfaction to the Commissioners at Dalkeith, and has ever behaved dutifully to those in authority, the inheritors of lands in Leith be restored to their possessions, with liberty to dwell therein themselves, or to let them to others.

(2.) That as those English who have faithfully served the Committee, and have resolved to settle in Leith, should not be debarred therefrom, yet as the citizens of Edinburgh who alone have a right to the liberty of the town and trade in Leith would be ruined by being debarred therefrom, the trade of merchandize in Leith be exercised by both nations with equal freedom, and that the governor of Leith admit worthy and well qualified English to freedom of trade without payment, who shall be admitted free citizens of Edinburgh, and jointly with the citizens and merchants of Edinburgh, shall

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Oct. 15. reside and trade in Edinburgh or Leith, and remove from one to another as parts of one corporation.

(3.) That if the aforesaid latitude be thought prejudicial to the security of the garrison, no English merchants [be allowed] magazines for their merchandize as in former time.

(4.) That the magistrates of Edinburgh may be allowed to collect rents belonging to them in Leith, and have the house repaired for a weigh house or common beam restored, so that the merchants may be freed from the discredit of false weights, and the city have the benefit.

(5.) That all the inhabitants of Leith be answerable as heretofore to the courts of the magistrates of Edinburgh in civil business.

(6.) That Heriot and Trinity Hospitals, their houses and rents, be freed from sequestration, and employed for the pious uses designed by their founders.

(7.) That the magistrates of Edinburgh may be restored to the advowson and patronage of their churches, colleges, and free schools, they being always liable to authority for their right demeanor therein.

(8.) That the Corporation of the city being in debt 60,000*l.* sterling, contracted in the 15 years of trouble, whereof they can pay neither principal nor interest without help, Council should confer on them a grant of 4*d.* Scots upon each Scotch pint of ale and beer brewed or spent within the city precincts, which would enable them to pay the interest till they can repay the principal.

(9.) That Council will consider the impoverishment of the said city, whereby they are unable to pay their monthly assessments, and grant abatement thereof. [*l.* 71, *pp.* 110–12.]

Oct. 15. Order on the above proposals. On the first, that all houses or lands in Leith belonging to particular persons, bodies politic or corporate, not under sequestration for delinquency, or not used for public storehouses, be restored to their lawful inheritors, to let them to such persons as the Governors of Leith shall permit, but not to live there themselves without special licence. Concerning places used for public magazines, if they belong to persons not under sequestration, or to the town of Edinburgh, competent rent shall be allowed the proprietors out of the revenue.

The 2nd and 3rd articles to be transmitted to the Governor and Commissioners at Leith, who are to settle the business by consent of parties if they can, and if not, to return their opinion how it may be done to Council.

The 4th granted, and the magistrates of Edinburgh to be allowed to receive the mark Scots upon the ton of goods and all other shore dues or casual revenues formerly collected by them in Leith, provided the collectors be approved by the Governor or Commissioner.

The 5th granted, with exception of the soldiers of the garrison, until Parliament determine otherwise.

The 6th granted, provided rooms in the same hospitals be assigned to sick and maimed soldiers, or the magistrates provide equally convenient rooms elsewhere. Also the Commissioners for the Universities to be empowered to call the trustees to account for the time past, and to see that they employ the revenue rightly in the future.

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The 8th proposal to be presented to Parliament by the Lord President.

On the 9th, no order can be given till the whole public assessments of Scotland be settled. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 107–9.]

Oct. 17. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Howard, Bennet, and Strickland to be a Committee to consider the resident of Hamburg's letter concerning the miscarriage of certain of the English company, to speak with the secretary of the Hamburg Company who came over with the letters, fully consider the business, and report.

2. The Secretary of Council to make a weekly extract of foreign intelligence to send to Lord Fleetwood in Ireland; he is to be informed of this resolution.

3. Jones, Tichborne, Pickering, Courtney, and Broughton to be a Committee to consider the salaries formerly allowed to the servants of Council, to report a settlement for such as have not been settled, to consider a fit salary for Mr. Jessop, and to report. A list of the offices and salaries to be sent to the Committee, who are to sit tomorrow at 8 a.m. in the Inner Horse Chamber.

4. Montague, Bennet, and Broughton to be a Committee to examine into the tumult which happened at Paul's yesterday, on the meeting of a congregation in the Stone chapel, and to inquire particularly what the carriage of the officers of the city or the people of the congregation was, or of the rioters; they are empowered to send for and examine all such as they suspect to have been rioters, or to be able to give testimony, and to report.

5. All the rioters taken in or about Paul's yesterday to be brought before the Lord Mayor, who is to bind them over to appear to answer the law when called for.

6. Wm. Jessop to assist Mr. Thurloe in the despatch of the business of foreign affairs.

7. Philip Meadows, now employed as Latin translator to Council, to assist Thurloe in foreign affairs, and to have 100*l.* a year added to the 100*l.* he now receives.

8. The petition of Ant. Mildmay referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

9. That of 7 Dutch captains, prisoners in the Mews, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

12. Order, on petition of the well disposed inhabitants of Hanwell co. Middlesex, that the order to invest Abr. Page in the living of Hanwell, be revoked; and that the difference between the people as to electing Mr. Page or Mr. Flye be referred to Mr. Nye and Mr. Knight, who are to examine the parties concerned, and to report.

13. The Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen to take a view of the Dutch House, Savoy, and Worcester House, to see if they can find rooms convenient for their sitting, and report, that order may be given for so disposing of them. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 116–20.]

Oct. 18. **48.** Petition of the owners of the Levant Merchant to the Council of State, for compensation for the loss of their ship, which, when

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taken up at Leghorn for the service of the State, was worth 3,000*l.*; 9 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 18. **49.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to consider the damage sustained by taking up the ship for the service, and to report. [¾ *page. Also I.* 71, *p.* 123.]

Oct. 18. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

3, 5. **50.** The petition of Thos. Rodbard, and other citizens of London, traders to the northern coast, for a convoy, referred to the Admiralty Committee. Also that of Priscilla Lewis and Alice Amye, widows, to be dealt with as they deserve.

4. Capt. Fauconberg to pay their several augmentations, to John Knowles of Bristol cathedral, Ralph London, — Lowe, Rich. De la Maine, Wm. Voyle, and Geo. Primerose, of Hereford, and — Coddrington, of Keynsham, co. Somerset, ministers, from first fruits and tenths, the late restrictions notwithstanding.

7. The petition of Jas. Bowman recommended to the Committee of Parliament for preservation of customs, to examine the facts alleged, and if they are true, to write to the agent and governors at Algiers to do him right.

8. To give audience to Lord Lagerfeldt at 4 p.m. next Thursday, Fleming to give notice.

9. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to meet to-morrow at 8 a.m. to consider the papers given in by Lord Lagerfeldt, to prepare fit answers to them, and report; Mr. Meadows to attend them.

10. Order that as Capt. Massey has disbursed moneys for the service in times of trouble, has been long unpaid, and is in great want, a warrant be issued to the Commissioners of Customs to pay him 480*l.* in full of all demands.

11. To write to Mr Cholmley and Mr. ——, justices of peace for Cumberland, to settle Mr. Baldwin in the vicarage of Penrith, he having been already appointed thereto.

12. To send to Ed. Mainwaring, John Goring, Hen. Stone, and Thos. Adshed, justices of peace for co. Stafford, the petition of Thos. Porter, late of Ingleton, to examine into the state of the matter, proceed according to law, and report.

13. The letter, papers, and accounts of David Yale referred to Courtney, Hollister, and Hope, who are to be a Committee to examine them, and report.

14. Col. Montague and Ald. Tichborne added to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

16. The Lord President to move Parliament that the 25*l.* due to Sam. Hartlib from the public revenue last Michaelmas, being a quarter's salary, which was made payable from the augmentation to Pembroke Hall, Oxford, may be paid him for his maintenance, notwithstanding the late order to stop payments out of that Treasury.

17. Commissary General Whalley, Col. Goffe, Col. Grosvenor, and Scoutmaster-General Downing, to be a Committee to speak with Col. Allen Boteler about his discovery, to pursue it on the terms of the order of Parliament of 15 Sept. last, and to report.

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18. Order on the petition of Katherine, widow of Wm. Moffat, vicar of Edmonton, Middlesex, that Hugh Shelton observe the former order of Council, or appear and show cause to the contrary. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 122–7.]

Oct. 18. Harwich. **51.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I am proceeding with the repair of the Convertine, and other ships will soon be ready to take in their victuals. Particulars of them. I have quieted the seamen with promise of pay, and encouraged them to go on with the fitting of the ships, but they begin to get impatient, as they want clothes, and say they will be forced to sea, and then their money will do them no good. It should be sent next week. I wish the commanders were on the ships, as their presence would settle their companies.

I have, as ordered, contracted for purchase of the house, wharf, warehouses, &c., for the State for 335*l.*, being 200*l.* less than it cost 3 years since. If I am to continue at Harwich, I must have better accommodation, as I cannot make shift any longer as I am. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 19. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order for a warrant to the Commissioners of Customs to lay a general embargo on all vessels in the port of London till further orders, there being especial occasion for them.

2. **52, 53.** The Admiralty Committee to consider what brass guns should be provided in Sweden, and to bring a list of them to Council. With the list required, being 550 guns, and shorthand notes of the order for them.

3. To give audience to the Swiss agent at 4 p.m. on Friday. Fleming to give him notice.

4, 5. To prepare a supper for Lord Lagerfeldt, minister from Sweden, before his return thither. Fleming to have the ordering thereof, and Ambassador Whitelock, Viscount Lisle, and Mr. Strickland, desired to be present.

6. To give audience to the Resident from the Great Duke of Tuscany at 4 p.m. next Saturday; Fleming to give him notice.

7. Mr. Strickland to report to Parliament the credential letters for Ambassador Whitelock.

8. Also to prepare an answer, as agreed to by Council, to the paper last given in by Lord Lagerfeldt.

9. The Lord President to move Parliament that the supernumeraries lately added to several underwritten regiments and companies may be continued for three months longer than they were at first appointed.

Col. Ingoldsby,
Col. Pride,
Sir Wm. Constable,
Col. Goffe. } From 700 to 1,000. 8 August 1653.

Lord General's regiment from 700 to 1,200.
Col. Barkstead's 2 companies from 80 to 100 each.
2 new companies of 100 men each besides officers. } 22 Aug. 1653.

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11. Order on petition of Ellen Lovell, that Capt. Bishop deliver her all the books, debentures, and other papers in his keeping which were taken from her. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 129–132.]

Oct. 19. The Drake, Tilbury Hope. **54.** Capt. Robert. Clarke to the Admiralty Committee. I took a ship from Amsterdam bound for Bordeaux, and sent her into Rye, but her men escaped. I also chased a Hollander, but she ran on shore at Boulogne, and the governor of Boulogne came down, and with 500 small shot got possession of her, though I plied my ordnance to defend her. He carried all my men to prison, but has since delivered them back, except one whom he kept as hostage, and also all the arms.

I have since been plying off the French coast, and finding 35 sail at Dunkirk bound for London, but waiting for a convoy, I have brought them into the Thames, and am now waiting for a recruit of cables and other necessaries. I desire to be appointed as the convoy for Dunkirk during the winter. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 20. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The papers now read given in to Council from Lord Lagerfeldt referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to prepare an answer thereto, and to report.

2. The Admiralty Judges to forbear further proceedings in the case of the ship Neptune, till further orders.

3. Dr. Walker to attend Council to-morrow afternoon.

7. **55.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the removal of the powder from Weymouth to Portsmouth for the use of the Navy, and to pay the rent of the house in Weymouth where the powder is.

8. Courtney, Broughton, and Hollister to be a Committee to examine matter offered to Council by the inhabitants of Katherine's Hospital about James Freeze, to examine him and witnesses on either side, and after a full hearing, to report. Also to observe the order of Council of 1 October, for the suppression of all proceedings as to the execution of the master's place at Katherine's; and if either party refuse to obey it, to report where the contempt lies, that further order may be taken.

9. Council to meet to-morrow at 4 p.m. to consider the embargo. The members in town to attend.

10. **56.** The Admiralty Commissioners to see that the ships sent to Jersey are sufficient to bring back 2 companies of foot, 30 horse and 2 great mortar pieces, and to order the Governor there to ship off the same; and the ship's commander to receive and bring them to a fit port in England.

13. To write to the master of Brasenose College, Oxford, that Dr. Pettye's longer stay in Ireland is needed for the public service, and to desire him that nothing may be done in Pettye's absence to his prejudice, either in disposing of his fellowship, or any benefit accruing thereby.

14. Order,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners respecting what has been offered them by the Navy Commissioners concerning

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the necessity of removing their office from Tower Hill, by reason of their being annoyed by the Victuallers' slaughter-house, and that a house may now be had at Seething Lane,—that the propositions made are approved of, and the Admiralty Commissioners are to carry them out. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 133–137.]

Oct. 21. **57.** Act enabling the Commissioners for compounding with delinquents to dispose of ⅔ of the lands and estates of recusants for the benefit of the commonwealth, to the recusants themselves as to others, at four years' purchase of real estates and ⅓ the value of personal estates. [*Printed,* 3 *pages.*]

Oct. 21. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on consideration of the business of the wools taken in the Salvadore, Samson, and George, and in the Morning Star and Augustine, now depending in the Admiralty Court, which are claimed by the Spanish Ambassador as belonging to the King his master, that the Admiralty Judges proceed to sentence upon the wools, according to law.

2. Jones, Tichborne, Hope, Bennet, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to consider the warrants and orders issued by Council on the difference between the Stationers' Company and Mr. White, about White's printing certain almanacks, and to consider what ought further to be done, and report with speed.

3. The paper called "Reasons and Grounds for free trade with St. Malo" this day delivered to Council referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

4. The Admiralty Judges to proceed according to law with the Neptune, notwithstanding the late order of restriction from Council.

5. The paper delivered in to-day from the public minister from the evangelical cantons of Switzerland referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

7. **58.** The Generals of the fleet, and the Vice and Rear-Admirals to come to Council to-morrow at 3 p.m., to confer about the embargo.

9. Tichborne, Cooper, Howard, Jones, Strickland, Pickering, Bennet, Desborow, and Carew, to be a Committee to meet at 3 p.m. to-morrow, in the great chamber adjoining the Council chamber, called the Queen's guard chamber, to confer with such merchants as shall appear (in pursuance of an order of Council sent to them) about the embargo, and to hear them and report to-morrow.

10. Major, Strickland, and St. Nicholas to be a Committee to consider the propositions of a discovery offered to Council by Mr. Estrop, and to report.

12. In pursuance of a resolution of Parliament of 15 Sept. last, empowering Council to bring to effect the discoveries therein mentioned, it is resolved that Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, Col. Grosvenor, and Scoutmaster-Gen. Downing be made Commissioners to inquire into and despatch the same.

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In pursuance of another resolution of Parliament of the same date, empowering Council to give ¼ of the discoveries, it is resolved that Col. Allan Butler, maker of the discoveries, shall enjoy ¼ of the benefits of his discovery, he bearing also ¼ of the expenses.

These gentlemen are to appoint treasurers to receive all money, plate, jewellery, or other goods brought in by the discoveries, and to direct the treasurers to pay Col. Butler ¼ of the product, and to give an account of their proceedings to Council. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 139–143.]

Oct. 21. Whitehall. **59.** Council of State to Col. Lilburne. As it is requisite to have a convenient guard of ships of war on the coast of Scotland, and as there may be many emergencies in the management of the affairs committed to you, requiring them to continue longer than they were appointed or victualled for, we have thought fit—for preventing prejudice by their coming away, either through want of victuals or other defects,—to authorise you to stay any of the State's ships on that coast, for such longer time as you find necessary, and to give order for their victualling and furnishing, and to send an account of your disbursements for each ship, certified under the hands of their respective captains and clerks of the check, to the Admiralty Committee, and draw your bills upon Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, therefor. [*Copy.* 1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 21. Harwich. **60.** Major N. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent out a vessel to discover the hoy with provisions for this port, and understand she is in the Swale. The seamen of the ships in port refuse to do duty unless they are paid. To-day 400 came on shore in a mutinous manner. If they had been discharged when they came in, many thousand pounds would have been saved, and they encouraged to return when wanted. The necessitous condition of many of them pleads for a timely supply. The building of the new frigate progresses. I want a copy of the contract. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 21. 10 p.m. Ipswich. **61.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. The postmaster at Ipswich detains letters. Hearing there were some men-of-war off Yarmouth, I ordered Capt. Thomson and the Cat to sea, to discover what they were. This morning I met a number of men in the streets, who began to cry for money and clothes. They were the crews of the Assurance and Mermaid. I tried to pacify them, but others coming on shore, they went into the fields, where they pulled down the gates and stiles. I think the officers of those ships to blame.

The troop ordered hither by the Lord General having been drawn off again, there are none to keep order. The garrison has been slighted, and only 30 soldiers can be spared from Landguard Fort. Will you pay the men at once, or not till they are in the Rolling Grounds, or ½ money now and ½ when they are out? but this would distemper them, and many would be gone when they should sail. Had they been paid at their first coming in, money would have been saved. The works on 3 ships will take 20 days more. [2 *pages.*]

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Oct. 22. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Tichborne, St. Nicholas, and Hope to be a Committee to confer with the Lieutenant of the Tower concerning the present condition of Lord Lauderdale, a prisoner there, and to consider what is fit to be allowed.

4. Sir Anth. Ash. Cooper added to Col. Montague and the rest of the Committee for reviewing the proposition made to Mr. Thurloe, for raising a large sum of money for the service of the commonwealth.

5. Hewson, St. Nicholas, Major, Courtney, and Hope to be a Committee to examine the charge exhibited to Council by Richard Meredith against Serjeant Dendy, examining witnesses on both sides, and to report. They are to sit next Monday, and the papers given in by Meredith and referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee are to be returned, and a copy of the charge to be given to Dendy.

7. **62, 63.** The Admiralty Committee to order 700 more barrels of powder to be despatched for Ireland, and Col. Hewson to confer with them about its sending over.

8. The letters brought in from the agent of the Grand Duke of Tuscany referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

10. **64.** The Admiralty Commissioners to send speedy orders to fit persons in the several ports of England and Wales, to impress sufficient mariners to man the ships of war about to go forth on the present service.

11. **65.** Also to consider how seamen's wages may be brought to a certain and reasonable rate, to prevent the inconvenience to the State by the hiring of men at excessive rates, above the commonwealth's pay, to go on merchandising voyages.

13. Mr. Walker's name instead of Mr. Erle's to be put into all warrants for receiving necessaries for Amb. Whitelock.

14. Mr. Lawrence to acquaint Parliament that Lord Lagerfeldt, minister from Sweden, wishes to take leave of them before his departure, and to move Parliament to appoint a time for giving him audience.

15. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to prepare a re-credential letter for Lord Lagerfeldt, and to report the same to Council.

16. Mr. Lawrence to report Lord Lagerfeldt's re-credential letter to Parliament.

17. The letter from the town of Emden referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

18. Amb. Whitelock to deliver to the Committee appointed to take care of the library of James's House the keys, and all things appertaining to the same.

19. Pickering, Jones, and Strickland to be a Committee to peruse the examinations taken in the county by order of Council, in the case of John Bragg, and to report.

21. The case of Martin Lister, Hugh May, and Charles Valois, as contained in the annexed papers, to be presented to Parliament by Col. Jones, for their resolution therein. [*J.* 71, *pp.* 145–150.]

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Oct. 22. **66.** Assignment by Thos. Wagstaff of Knightcott, co. Warwick, to Humfrey Towne of London, of certain debentures given by the Militia Commissioners for co. Stafford, to persons named, for sums due to them, amounting together to 1,001*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*, and assigned by them to the said Thos. Wagstaff. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. 24. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **67.** The Admiralty Commissioners to despatch forthwith the ships designed for the eastern and northern coast of Scotland, as they are necessary for its peace and safety.

2. **68.** Also to appoint a war ship of convenient force to ply between Ayr and the Isles of Scotland northwards, and between Ayr and Ireland, for keeping up intelligence between Ireland and Scotland, and between the ports, garrisons, and islands of the west and north-west coast of Scotland. The Committee to send off the ships at once, the security of those parts of Scotland being much concerned therein.

3. The Committee for Prisoners to examine Gabriel Jacobson and Melchior Jansen, taken by the Governor of Tilbury Fort while endeavouring to go into foreign parts, as to whether they are not subjects of the United Provinces, and whether they were not prisoners of war, and to report.

4. All former orders or warrants for putting James Freeze, gent., into the place of Master of Katharine's Hospital revoked, and he ordered to give up all the instruments of his appointment to Council, and to quit the house belonging to the said place, without dispute or delay.

5. Order, on consideration of Lieut.-Col. Francis Fairfax, Reuben Easthorp, and Alice Wilson's proposition of discovery,—that $\frac{1}{5}$ of the value of all money, plate, lands, rents, or other profits unlawfully concealed and discovered by them, be paid them, when brought in by their discovery, which $\frac{1}{5}$ they may dispose of as they think fit to any other persons instrumental with them in making the discovery.

6. Mr. Strickland to represent to Parliament that Mr. Montague, now in possession of the mastership of Katharine's Hospital,—a place of considerable profit, and worthy of some person of approved godliness, discretion, and undoubted affection for the commonwealth,—is in some respects unfit to execute that place, and to request Parliament to consider the same, and dispose of the place as they think fit.

7. Col. Jones to report to Parliament that Council, on advice with the Lord General, have found it necessary to fortify Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight, and to request Parliament to give directions that for the better defence of the isle, 3 foot companies of 100 men each, and 30 horse, with two corporals, and an officer to receive cornet's pay should be added to the garrison, and the Army Committee issue the warrants for payment, and authorise the Governor of the isle to order and settle the militia. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 153–156.]

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Oct. 24. Leghorn. **69.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Items from his letter of the 3rd inst. There is only one Dutch man-of-war in port, the rest having either gone to the Straits' mouth, or home. There is a Dutch merchant ship in port which was laden at Scanderoon for Holland, and will depart in 20 days; a French ship is daily expected from Genoa, that carries 50,000*l.* in money for Smyrna, and there are many other French and Dutch ships of half that value now in Turkey, which would be good purchase [prize] for your frigates.

If the State's fleet take any quantity of corn ships coming from Eastland, 10 or 15 ships' lading of corn would sell here between this and next March for 7*s.* per bushel English, and the ships would likewise yield treble the price they do in England. If you send a fleet into these seas, it will be all one to conduct the corn ships as other merchantmen; but if you send corn, timely advice must be given, so that it may be sold before it arrives, otherwise upon the appearance of so great a quantity, the price may fall; the proceeds of this corn may supply your fleet's occasions here. With copy of his letter of 3 October 1653. [2¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 24. Leghorn. **70.** Charles Longland to Robt. Blackborne. I see, by yours of 16 Sept., your readiness to promote my request about currants, wherein if I had the least apprehension of any prejudice to the commonwealth or its laws, I would be silent. The quantity of currants that I have contracted for is about 200 tons, which I am to view either here or at Zante by the end of January, so that I request leave to bring them to England in such ships as I can hire, whether Italian, French, Hamburgher, Swede, or of any nation in amity. It is far from my thoughts to seek the employment of the shipping of other nations in opposition of any law or Act of Parliament, for their wisdom can never be sufficiently commended that made that Act; but at present our navigation in these seas being altogether obstructed, I cannot apprehend what prejudice can come by permitting the entrance of these ships, as the real intent of the Act must be that our own nation may reap the benefit of the trade of England, and not strangers; but for strangers' ships to serve our nation, when our own cannot do it, can be no prejudice to the public. I shall be obliged if you can procure me the State's consent and warrant for this business.

It likewise proceeds from your good wishes that the Committee wrote me last week, and gave me commission for redemption of the poor captives in Tripoli, I having written them that it would be requisite to send over first to make an agreement with the Bashaw; as soon as that is concluded, I will advise the Committee and attend their further order. Meantime I am looking out for a bark and a man, and all things shall be done with diligence, and as much celerity as such an important business requires. If I should send over the money before the agreement is made, the Bashaw would not know what to ask for them; so you may console those poor men and women who have friends there that no time will be lost, and that I will not sleep in quiet until I have put the business in a way for their redemption.

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I heard from other friends in what a bad condition your wine came home, but it was the end of March before any conveyance could be had, and if the wine here is not despatched in January, there is little chance of its lasting. I hope this year to find a quicker passage. and furnish you with what is good.

I have had advice from England of a remonstrance made by Capt. Appleton, wherein he has much abused me. He writes hither that the Council of State has ordered it to be printed, and I am much grieved that my good name must be thus bespattered and condemned unheard. Amongst the Romans, although heathens, it was not so; it had been justice to have called me home to answer for myself, before it had been published. The exposing of their servants to so much contumely gives occasion to all the State's enemies to rejoice, and little encouragement to their servants. I appeal to your own judgment whether I did not contribute all the power I was able to serve the State's occasions, although the Lord was not pleased to bless our endeavours with success; and that honest man Capt. Badiley, who, like the silkworm, spun out his own bowels with the many cares and troubles that lay upon him day and night, yet ran through all with alacrity, must now be arraigned by undeserving men who are his accusers. Let my sufferings be what they may, my duty to my country and government shall still be the same.

With a postscript to the same effect as part of the preceding letter. [3 *pages.*]

Oct. 25. Act for better prosecution of thieves and highwaymen. All who after 22 Oct. 1653 discover to any justice or officer of peace any highway robber or burglar, and cause him to be apprehended, shall have a reward of 10*l.* for each man; the sheriffs of counties to pay the sum out of the public money of the county, and it will be allowed him in the Exchequer. Any guilty person discovering his accomplices to be reprieved, protected, and have 10*l.* reward. Any discovering felons, known as moss troopers, residing on the borders of England and Scotland, who are apprehended and convicted of any felony except petty larceny, to have 10*l.* This Act to continue in force till 21 Oct. 1656. [3 *pages, printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. I., No.* 75. *Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

Oct. 25. **71.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Swire, commander of the Samuel, to the Council of State, for consideration for the loss of the use of his left hand, through a shot received in an engagement with the Dutch. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

71. I. *Certificate by Jas. Blake and* 4 *others in his behalf,* 6 *Sept.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. **72.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to do as in like cases, and note of special grant of 100*l.* as for a captain. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 71, *p.* 162.]

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1. The Customs' Commissioners to see that no horses be privately shipped at certain places between Rye and Dover without licence, Council having heard that divers are secretly put aboard there and transported to France.

2. **73.** Order on a petition craving leave to buy certain vessels from the Prize Goods' Commissioners at the appraised value, that all vessels condemned in the Admiralty Court as prize are to be sold to the best advantage of the State, over and above the rates at which they are appraised, and that none are to be disposed of by Council to any person whatsoever at only the appraised rates.

3. Mr. Lawrence to move Parliament to appoint a time for Amb. Whitelock to receive the commission whereby he is constituted Ambassador to the Queen of Sweden.

4. The Committee appointed to consider the salaries of Council's servants to examine the contract with Sir Abr. Williams for his house in the Palace yard, and to report.

7. The letters from the Commissioners in Ireland to Parliament referred to Council by order of Parliament, and the letters from the said Commissioners to the Lord General, to be considered first to-morrow afternoon.

9. Order on a petition directed to Benj. Bonnell, Commissioner from the Queen of Sweden, by Gerbrandt Claesbonder, master of the King David of Stockholm, also on the annexed paper, containing an affidavit by Major Tim. Crusoe on the same business, that the Navy Victuallers be required to make full satisfaction to Claesbonder, for the use of the freighters of the King David of Stockholm, for all clapboards made use of by them of those taken out of the ships, according to their then market price.

10. Order on the Act of Parliament printed and published 13 October, empowering Council to sign bills to the Commissioners of the Great Seal for passing the custody of all idiots and lunatics, that St. Nicholas, Hope, Courtney, Broughton, Montague, Jones, and Cooper, be a Committee to consider all petitions sent to Council for the custody of idiots or lunatics, and to examine fully and strictly into the condition of the persons whose custody is desired and those who desire it, so that no injury may be done under such pretences; they may call up and examine any persons able to give testimony about either party, and on their gaining full satisfaction in any of the said cases, report what they think fit to be done.

11. The articles for Lord Whitelock to be considered to-morrow afternoon.

12. Col. Bennet to present to Parliament the state of the Earl of Nottingham's case. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 158–162.]

Oct. 25. Victualling Office. **74.** Navy Victuallers to the Admiralty Committee. As the Navy Commissioners are to provide some more convenient place for their sittings than Tower Hill, we judge it our duty to state how far the State was engaged in their treaty with us concerning those houses, and that the exception in the sixth article of our contract was only to be continued while the houses were used by the Commissioners,

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which was readily submitted to by us on account of their nearness to us in our business; otherwise it could not be supposed that persons entrusted with so great an action as ours would so contract as to oust themselves of any fitting accommodation to oversee their business.

By the 6th article we were to have all the State's stores and storehouses delivered into our possession; it is well known how long they were detained from us, and some of them not repaired yet, and what was delivered was sold from us by the trustees at Worcester House, so that we have not received a penny benefit to this day, although hundreds a year was suggested to us upon making of our contract.

John Holland, who enjoyed the better part of the house, never valued it above 15*l.* a year, and yet 100*l.* is demanded for the whole, although some of the best rooms have been lately taken out of our lofts, which we were willing to part with when our business was less, and our neighbours of trust, and with whom we were hourly to correspond; but we hope the State will not deprive us of them, nor admit strangers to be so near our stores, unless, according to the 13th article of our contract, they make allowance for all damage and loss sustained by thieves on shore, as well as for losses by pirates at sea.

Formerly, when the victualling was not $\frac{1}{8}$th as much as it now is, all within the gate was appropriated to the victuallers, and if you now cast it into us, the greatest part must be added to our stores, to enlarge them, it being no healthy place for habitation, being attended with the great noise of coopers and workmen, and the stenches from the slaughtering of cattle, which daily infects our servants.

We need not remind you that our business should be attended to day and night, to give despatch with all tides, whereby the State may have a greater advantage than 100*l.* a year. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 26. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Moyer, Tichborne, Hewson, and Desborow to be a Committee to join with the Irish and Scotch Committee to consider the annexed papers containing the quarterly accounts of the Tower, and to report what they think fit to be done.

2. The petition of Isaac de la Hoollier referred to the Admiralty Judges, to report.

5. On petition presented to Council from many well-affected in the town and county of Southampton,—setting forth that, by virtue of several orders from the late Committee for Plundered Ministers, appointing Col. Richard Norton with others to take care that several void churches and the Thursday's lecture in Rhoodes parish might be supplied with godly preachers, the said Col. Norton appointed Mr. Robinson with others to preach the said lecture, who continued it till disturbed by Mr. Barnerd, a minister there elected by the Mayor and some of the aldermen; also that the augmentation of 100*l.* a year allowed by the said Committee out of the rectory of Mary's, with consent of Mr. Rought, the incumbent,

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towards maintenance of godly ministers in Southampton, is detained since the dissolution of the said Committee, and therefore they crave Council's order concerning the premises :—

Order that Col. Rich. Norton, Rich. Cromwell, Rich. Mayor, John Hildesley, Pet. Murford, Rob. Wroth, Pet. Legay, John Barton, and Dan. Hersent be a Committee to manage the supplying of void churches and Thursday's lecture at Rhoodes church in Southampton with godly and able ministers, and also to take care that the aforesaid 100*l.* be duly received therefor; and to enable the Committee to do this, equal power is committed unto them as was given to the former Committee for Plundered Ministers, and the Mayor and aldermen of Southampton are to take care that the preaching place in Rhoodes Church, where the said lectures have usually been delivered, may be free for such persons to exercise in as the Committee shall appoint.

6. The petition of Alice Amie, widow, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to deal with as is usual.

7. The answer to Lord Lagerfeldt, and the draft of the re-credentials prepared, to be considered first to-morrow afternoon.

8. To write to Col. Beckwith of the great waste and spoil committed on the manor house of York, and to desire him to take care of the house, and prevent such spoil in future, and to report who inhabit there, and by whom the wastes were made, and their value, that further order may be taken.

9. To write to M. Bordeaux what has been offered to Council by a petition of certain English merchants trading to France, to desire him to represent their condition to the Parliament of Rouen, and to request the removal of the arrest laid on their estates.

11. Order,—on the petition of Mich. Oldsworth to be continued in the registry of the Prerogative Office, settled on him and Hen. Parker (lately deceased) by the late Parliament—that Mr. Oldsworth and Mrs. Parker remain registrars, and that the order for appointing another person be revoked. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 165–169.]

Oct. 26. **75.** Certificate by Capt. Stephen Rose of the Convert to the Collectors for Prize Goods, that coming from the East Country last summer, in company of Capt. Jas. Peacock of the Tiger, and falling in with some Dutch fishers, Capt. Peacock sent away a new buss with them, and took a note of hand of one of their masters for payment to him at Yarmouth, and carried the said master there.

He also went on board the Starr, a new Dutch private man-of-war, which was furnished for six months, staved her in to plunder her, and converted all to his own use, sending to Harwich wherries of sails, cordage, powder, &c. to sell, and his neighbours at Ipswich allege that he sent home that summer upwards of 500*l.* worth of goods. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 27. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Bennet to report to Parliament the business of the challenge between Mr. Mordaunt and Mr. Cockayne, contained in the examinations taken.

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2, 3. Cols. Montague and Bennet to be a Committee to examine George Freeman, Jo. Lenthall, Robt. Long, and Thos. Saunderson, engaged upon a challenge to fight a duel, to enjoin them to proceed no further therein, and to report; the warrant of Council issued by Col. Sydenham for apprehending them approved.

4. Col. Pinchbeck to be released from imprisonment, on bond in 800*l.* with good sureties for his appearance on summons, and his future good behaviour.

5. On petition of Wm. Sheldrake—stating that he was appointed minister of the parish churches of Repeham and Whitwell-cum-Hackford, co. Norfolk, by several orders from the late Committee for Plundered Ministers, whereby the two parishes were united, and the profits of both, being but a competent maintenance, assigned to him, and that now the inhabitants of Whitwell-cum-Hackford refuse to pay him the profits of the living, because he has been presented to the living of Repeham by the patron thereof, the late incumbent being dead,—order that the parishes continue united, and the profits of both be paid to Mr. Sheldrake for preaching in the parish church of Repeham, and that the justices of peace for Norfolk living near see that the order be carried out.

6. Strickland, Hewson, Courtney, Bennet, Hollister, and Hope to be a Committee to examine such seamen as were taken this day upon the tumult, and to report with speed.

7, 8. The Lord Deputies from the United Netherlands to have audience at Council to-morrow afternoon. Fleming to give them notice and attend them, and all members of Council in town to be present.

9, 10. The letters from Commissioner Bonnel, agent from the Queen of Sweden, and from the agent from Hamburg, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

11. That Committee to meet at 7 every morning till they have despatched the matters depending before them by reference from Council.

12. **76.** The letters of Mr. Bradshaw from Hamburg, with the invoices of ammunition, &c. sent over for the use of the commonwealth, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

13. The orders of Council for disposing of the registrar's place in the Prerogative Office to be made void.

14. **77.** The petitions of some shipmasters of Hull and Ipswich referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report, and also the names of the masters of certain ships of Sweden recommended to Council by Amb. Whitelock for passes to their several destinations.

15. The instructions now read for Amb. Whitelock approved, and to be fair written and delivered to him.

16. The re-credentials prepared for Lord Lagerfeldt approved, and to be translated into Latin and reported to Parliament.

17. The answer prepared to Lord Lagerfeldt's papers lately delivered approved, and to be translated, fair written, signed, and sent.

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18. To answer to the paper sent from the Ambassador extraordinary of the King of Portugal, certifying his readiness to receive audience, that though Council knows no occasion for assigning a time for an audience, yet they will do so, if he has anything to offer, and shall so signify his desire. Fleming to carry the order.

19. The proclamation now read approved, and to be sent to press.

20. The Lord President to report to Parliament the proclamation prepared concerning the tumult made by seamen to-day at Charing Cross.

21. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to state the matter of fact touching the ships St. Christopher, Angel, Land of Promise, Golden Falcon, and a ship of Weismar, claimed by subjects of the Queen of Sweden, and taken by some ships of the commonwealth; also touching a Swedish ship taken by Capt. Rich. Swan in her way from Riga to Dunkirk, and another Swedish ship taken 2 months since by a Dunkirker and brought to Dover, and to report as far as any of the said ships fall under their cognizance.

24. Capt. Titus and Mr. Owen to be released from imprisonment, on good security for their appearance on summons, and future good behaviour. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 171–176, 178.]

Oct. 27. Proclamation by the Council of State. Whereas, for encouragement of seamen, their wages have been much augmented, and provision made for the sick and wounded, and for the widows, children, and impotent parents of those slain in the service; also their month's gratuity, and their wages fully paid on the coming in of their respective ships; yet on 26 and 27 October, divers seamen and others mutinously assembled in large companies, with pistols and other arms, at Tower Hill, Charing Cross, and other places in London and Westminster:—For prevention in future of such practices, which have been fomented by discontented and ill-affected persons, we declare that exemplary punishment shall be inflicted on the ringleaders, some of whom are now in custody; and we forbid, on pain of death, all mariners or others to assemble in a mutinous way, or to abet mutiny or sedition.

We also declare that a speedy course shall be taken for adjusting and paying the money due to seamen for their shares of prizes, and that all due encouragement (to be particularly expressed hereafter) shall be given to such as shall volunteer for the service. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 176–178.]

Oct. 27. Doctors' Commons. **78.** Drs. Jno. Godolphin, Wm. Clerk, and C. G. Cock, Admiralty Judges, to the Council of State. There being a case depending in the Admiralty Court, and upon a full hearing of the advocate of the commonwealth, it appearing to be of an extraordinary nature, we beg to represent as follows:—

Capt. Trenchfield, Commander-in-Chief of a squadron of men-of-war in the service, gave chase to the Bear's Foot, belonging to the United Provinces, Jno. Hendrickson master, who, to avoid Trenchfield, ran upon the Fort of Salibrine, in the dominions of the King of Spain,

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and so near the shore, and under the command of the fortress, that the squadron did not think fit to follow, but sent two captains to treat about the surrender of the ship. This Hendrickson refused, resolving either to fire or blow up the ship unless he had good terms; and it not being in the power of Trenchfield and the squadron to hinder it, for preservation of the ship, being of great value, they agreed by writing, under the hand and seal of all the captains, that in case he surrendered the ship, she, with the apparel, tackle, and furniture, should be restored to Hendrickson, together with the freight of the goods according to the bills of lading, and all the goods in the hold which Hendrickson should swear to be his own or his mariners'.

Thereupon Hendrickson delivered her up as a ship belonging to the subjects of the United Provinces, but stating that all the goods not contained in the bills of lading belonged to the master and company. This agreement having been made in so solemn a manner, although not legal nor agreeable to the captain's commission, but the production of a prudent necessity, we submit it to you before delivering judgment, lest the honour of this commonwealth might suffer by any proceedings of ours before obtaining your advice. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 27. Hurst. **79.** W. Morgan to his brother Haughton. I hope you have reserved the 30*l.* I sent to Thos. Hanwels, of Lincoln's Inn, which would have been paid you by Mr. Jones in London, but for his sickness; upon receipt of that and 18*l.* from Wm. Fox, please endorse the bond. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 28. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Serjeant-at-arms to cause Council's proclamation touching the late mutinous proceedings of the seamen to be published, by sound of trumpet, at the Old Exchange, Tower Hill, Ratcliffe, Wapping, Westminster, and other eminent places.

2. The officers of Customs and others interested to permit the trunks and goods of the Commissioners lately come from the United Provinces to pass without Custom search, or other interruption.

4. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to permit Major Bourne to have 4 Dutch busses at the appraised rate.

5. Also to permit Vice-Adm. Lawson to have 2 of the Dutch busses at the appraised rate, whereof one is at Scarborough.

6. The additional article to the laws of war and ordinances of the sea, this day read in Council, to be presented to Parliament by the Lord President for their approbation.

8. So much of Col. Fitch's letter as relates to his being furnished with prize deals for finishing the buildings at Inverness referred to the Admiralty Committee, to order as they think fit.

9. The debate of the Dutch business to be resumed to-morrow at 3 p.m., and the members of Council now in town to attend.

10. Council to meet at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

12. The embargo to be taken off all colliers' ships bound from London to Newcastle or Sunderland, or returning thence to London or any other port

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13. The instructions now read for regulating the passage at Dover approved, and to be fair written, signed, and sent to Dover, the names of those appointed Commissioners for the business being first communicated to Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, to know if he has anything to object against them.

14. The petition of Wm. Pennoyer and Arnold Beake, merchants of London, to be transmitted to the Customs' Commissioners, to state the fact and report.

15. To write to the Commissioners for Inspection to issue their warrant to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, to pay to Jas. Waynwright, for Rich. Bradshaw, Resident at Hamburg, 697*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, due to him from the State, on bills of exchange. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 180–184.]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Commission by the Council of State—being authorised to exercise the office of Lord High Admiral of England and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports,—to the Mayor of Dover for the time being ; Wm. Cullen, Thos. Teddiman, Thos. Day, Edw. Prescot, and Valentine Tatnell, jurates of Dover; Thos. White, Capt. Miles Temple, Fras. Raworth, Edw. Goodwin, Nath. Smith, Thos. Browne, Wm. Stratford, and Thos. Cullen, to take charge of the passage at the port of Dover. Also to John Jenifer, gentleman of Dover, to be clerk of the passage. With writ of assistance for the said Commissioners in the execution of their office. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 202, 203.]

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Instructions to be put in execution by the above Commissioners.

You are to take the best order you can that all passengers coming to Dover, inwards or outwards, whether of this commonwealth or strangers, be brought before you and examined, taking care to use all due regard to strangers.

You are to take bond from the owners and masters of all vessels in your port, to bring all passengers transported by their vessels before you immediately on arrival, and not to transport beyond seas any persons without a licence. You are to take a like bond from all inn-keepers, alehouse-keepers, and hackney-men at Dover, to give you notice of all persons repairing inwards as passengers to any of their houses in Dover, that you may better be able to take cognizance of them.

None of the commonwealth professing to be merchants may pass before being brought before the Council of State or yourselves, and receiving a passport, for which they shall pay to the clerk of the passage of Dover according to the accustomed rate.

You are to order that the clerk appointed by our commission for the said passage keep a register of the names, additions, and dwelling place of all persons licensed to pass, the day of their passage, in what vessel, and to what place, with a description of the parties; and in case any one should be suspected, you are to examine him upon such articles as you think fit: if he be one of this common-

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wealth, you are to tender him the engagement to subscribe, which if he refuse, you are then to deliver him to the Lieutenant of Dover Castle, and to certify Council of your proceedings and the ground thereof, that order may be given.

You are to be very careful that none of this commonwealth, being not well affected to the State, pass out or into this nation under colour of being a stranger.

For better execution of this service, you are to command the searcher of Dover to go aboard any vessel there belonging to strangers, wherein persons of the commonwealth or strangers unlicensed are suspected to be embarked, and to search for them. You are to charge the masters of such vessels to receive no unlicensed persons on board; but if they shall receive them notwithstanding, you are to cause the vessel to be stayed till further orders from Council, to whom you are to address notice thereof.

You shall give all encouragement and assistance to the searcher of the Customs at Dover, appointed by the Customs' Commissioners to search passengers, although after your allowance of them to pass; and upon his staying any of them, and bringing such before you, you shall hear his allegations, and proceed according to your instructions relating to persons not permitted to pass out of or to come into this commonwealth.

You shall give all encouragement and assistance in searching any of the passage boats for goods and merchandise prohibited to be exported or imported, or which owe custom, or subsidy, or any other duty payable to the commonwealth. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 284–286.]

Oct. 29. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of * * * * * referred to Capt. Howard and Mr. St. Nicholas, to report.

2. That of Mat. Gibbon of Southampton referred to the Committee for Lunatics.

3. Audience to be given to the Spanish Ambassador at 4 p.m. next Monday, Fleming to give notice.

4. To write to the Sheriff of co. Derby that Council have heard of a disturbance of the peace by John Wheatcroft and others, about the possession of a lead mine lately given up on a trial at law to John Vermuyden, gent., and that a man has been slain in the business, and that the court wherein the trial is still depending was threatened and interrupted during their session; that Council expects him to use his best endeavours to keep the peace, and preserve Vermuyden in his possession until the law decide otherwise, and he is also to preserve the court from disturbance, and to signify the same to the steward of the Behrmot Court, that the court may be able to decide the case according to law. Further that he is to apply to the captain of the troop of levies nearest the mine to assist him, the Lord General having been desired to write the captain thereon.

5. The examinations of the seamen who were in the tumult near Charing Cross referred to the Admiralty Committee.

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Oct. 29. 6, 7. Commissioners to be appointed to meet the deputies from the States General of the United Provinces, viz.:

Mr. Lawrence,	Sir Anth. Ash. Cooper,
The Lord General,	Mr. Carew,
Sir Chas. Wolsley,	Col. Jones,
Mr. Strickland,	Sir Gilbert Pickering,
Mr. Moyer,	Mr. Howard,
Col. Montague,	Col. Bennet,
Col. Norton,	Ald. Tichborne.

8. The 2,000*l.* remaining due to Lord Whitelock, of the 6,000*l.* allowed to defray the expenses of his embassy to Sweden, to be paid 1,000*l.* at the end of 6 weeks, and 1,000*l.* six weeks after that, to such persons as he shall appoint, out of the 10,000*l.* charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall for Council's contingencies.

9. To signify to Whitelock that the time of his monthly allowance for the charge of his embassy is to begin from the day he was approved by Parliament for that service.

10. Audience to be given to the Portuguese Ambassador at 4 p.m. next Wednesday. Fleming to give him notice.

11. The appointed Commissioners to meet the Dutch deputies at 5 p.m. next Monday at Whitehall. Fleming to give them notice.

12. The packet boat at Dover to be allowed freely to pass, in spite of the late general embargo.

13. **80.** The Admiralty Committee to decide whether to continue or discontinue the general embargo, as far as it concerns the inland trade.

14. To take the embargo off the John of Newcastle, as it is freighted with cordage for the public service.

15. Order on petition of Capt. Walter Curry that Capt. Howard, Col. Jones, and Mr. Courtney form a Committee to see what is fit to be done, and to report. [*J.* 71, *pp.* 189–191.]

Oct. 28. Doctors' Commons. **81.** Report of the Admiralty Judges to the Council of State. Rich. Faulconer, master of the Noah's Ark, a Scot under the obedience of Parliament, set sail from Borrowstowness in Scotland, on a trading voyage to Norway, and on his return, was taken prize off the Scotch coast by the Dutch, and carried to Rotterdam, where he was condemned, but upon paying 150*l.* he got out his ship; he was then taken by the Pelican belonging to the commonwealth, and brought to trial in the Admiralty Court here. Finding the adjudication in Rotterdam vested the propriety in the United States, and not finding anything entitling Faulconer thereto afterwards, but only the payment of the 150*l.*, and no public act of State to warrant the sale, nor any act of court to warrant the delivery, and seeing what evil consequences may arise if the same be allowed (and yet there is no other way used by the Commissioners of Prize Goods here) we desire you will consider the same for the best advantage of the commonwealth, and give Faulconer such equitable relief as lies in your power but not in ours. With reference to a Committee to state the facts. [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 28. **82.** Order in the Admiralty Committee. The Commissioners of Customs were ordered to pay bills of exchange drawn by Mr. Longland and Capt. Badiley, for sums amounting to 26,512*l.* 10*s.*, taken up at Leghorn for Capt. Badiley's fleet in the Straits, which have been paid. The Navy Commissioners are to make out bills of imprest thereon, charging the money on the respective persons that drew the bills, that the same may be brought to an orderly account. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 31. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To order the master of the State's barges to prepare such barges as shall be necessary to carry Amb. Whitelock to Gravesend.

3. **83.** The petition of Edward Hayward referred to the Navy Commissioners, to consider what has been done in like cases, and to report.

4. To write to Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth to pay Robert Baker and Edward Joy of Brighthelmstone for the goods he received from them, according to the rate of salvage.

5. Mr. Hollister to move Parliament to appoint John Hagget deputy recorder of Bristol, in the absence of Lord Whitelock on his embassy to Sweden.

6. A letter of to-day from Mr. Peters, Mr. Cockayne, and others, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do as they think fit.

7. **84.** The said Commissioners to confer with the Navy Commissioners and other ancient seamen to put the business of impressing of seamen, in such a way as shall fully supply the needs of the commonwealth, and yet give no just occasion for disturbance in the execution of the same, and to report.

8. The petition and papers of Nath. Tyderligh referred to Gen. Blake, to consider the equity of the case laid down, and what is fit to be done therein, and to report.

9. The embargo laid upon all ports of this nation to be taken off the coasting vessels, and the Customs' Commissioners to see that sufficient security be given by such as have liberty to pass, only to go to the ports to which they are bound, and not to go beyond seas.

11. Strickland, Jones, St. Nicholas, and Desborow to be a Committee to consider Major Gotherson's petition, to examine the whole business complained of, and to report.

12. To write to the Governor of Tynemouth Castle to dismiss the Scotch officers and soldiers, prisoners there, on parole to render themselves to the Governor of Leith, and there to give him security for their future good behaviour, provided the officers be not field officers or captains of horse, and to tell him to distribute amongst them the 20*l.* ordered by Council for their relief.

14. 600 barrels of powder to be shipped in the Jonathan and Abigail for service in Ireland.

16. **85.** The petition of Jas. Walker and Rich. Scott, Scotchmen, and Peter Nott, a Lubecker, for three butts of sack taken in the Samson, being their own proper adventure, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

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Oct. 31. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

17. Order that the petition of Major George Walters be recommended to the Spanish Ambassador, and he desired to see justice done to the petitioner.

18. The petition of Capt. White referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

19. Mr. Broughton to report to Parliament the petitions of David Clarkson, minister at Crayford, Kent, and of Humphrey Randall, minister of Leckhampton, co. Gloucester; also to move Parliament to appoint some means whereby all matters of that nature may be determined, Council finding themselves not empowered to intermeddle therein.

20. Order on report from Mr. Caryll and Mr. Sterry concerning Dr. Holmes's book, in pursuance of a reference to them from Council, that a warrant be issued to pay to Holmes 50*l.* from Council's contingencies, to enable him to print his book.

21. Roger le Strange dismissed from further attendance, on security in 2,000*l.* to appear when called for, and to do nothing prejudicial to the commonwealth.

22. Fleming to represent, in the name of Council, to the Spanish Ambassador, that they have considered the paper he delivered this day, and have put the frigate therein mentioned into a speedy way of examination, having directed the present despatch of an express for a speedy return of the state of the business, and enjoining a good usage of the persons aboard, and preventing any embezzlement of goods, so that he may be confident to receive justice without delay. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 194–199.]

Oct. 30. **86.** Order in the Admiralty Committee—on information that Thos. Peeke, Mayor of Colchester, has disbursed money for English seamen, taken prisoners by the Dutch, and set on shore near Colchester,—that his disbursements be repaid, and any further sums he may so lay out, not exceeding 20*l.* in all, on an exact account, by a bill from the Navy Commissioners. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

86. I. *Thos. Peeke to Lieut. Jno. Barkstead. Many seamen and prisoners out of Holland, travelling from port towns to London, come to me for help, sometimes* 20 *or* 30 *a day, many newly recovered from sickness; they are generally in a very sad condition, and it pities me that they should fare worse than Dutch prisoners. I have spent* 5*l. in* 14 *days in relieving them, but I want an order to give them further relief. Justice Highland will tell you how the business of our poor town goes. I have sent a list of men fit to proportion the taxes of the town.—Colchester,* 26 *October* 1653. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 31. Leghorn. **87.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. The rich Frenchman bound for Smyrna, which is worth half as much more as I esteemed her, has arrived, and intending to depart last night, rode at the Mould Head, where about sunset the only Dutch man-of-war in port came and lay aside, thinking to carry her; but being a strong ship, well armed, and with 100 men aboard, she, with the

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help of the castles, beat him off; the Dutchman has since gone out of port, and, I believe, dares not come in again, as the prince is much incensed at his insolency, and the port is now quite clear of them. There are no news of those that left 5 weeks since.

You may now see the great trade the French and Dutch have; they would be good purchases and employment for a squadron of frigates. With copy of his letter of the 24th. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 31. Dover. **88.** Abr. Stock to Edw. Marston, Gardeners' Lane, Westminster. I received the copy of the order of Parliament, and wish the Act were passed that you might be delivered from that continual trouble. I wonder at the malice of that mischievous person that should inform the Committee, just upon the nick of time, that I had assisted the King in his intelligence for foreign parts, as it is as false as God is true. Had I had the least relation or affection to that party, Mr. Cullen, our Mayor, had not given me such a certificate as I had from him, and I am much engaged to him for his courtesy, and beg you will thank him. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Ramsgate. **89.** Capt. Jno. Goulding to Edw. Marston. Let me know what progress you or your friend Mr. Yates have made in relation to my commission. I have lately taken a prize, which is in the harbour. I want to hear something concerning the Gillyflower. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Assignment by Thomas Kent, of Lambeth, Surrey, and Mary his wife, sole daughter of George Ayres, of St. Olave's, Southwark, co. Surrey, to Thomas Yarburgh, of Campsall, co. York, for the sum of 230*l.*; of the remainder of leases of sundry houses, grounds, wharves, &c. in St. Olave's parish, Southwark, near the church, and in Crucifix Lane. [*Parchment, signed. Interregnum, Box I., No.* 13.]

Oct. **90.** Order of the Committee for lodgings—upon the claim by Sir Robert Pye to the house where he resides, and which the Committee conceive belong to the State,—that the following case be reported to the House by Col. Barton.

On 25 Jan., 17 James, the King, by patent, granted to Sir Robt. Pye for life the office of Writer of the Tallies of the Exchequer, when Sir Robert entered into the house in question, but without any right.

On 20 Dec., 22 James, the King, after by patent reciting that this house was by appointment enjoyed by the Writer of the Tallies for the time being, annexed the house to the office of the Writer, and granted it to Sir Robert so long as he continued Writer, and released to him all mesne profits of the said house. This suggestion, however, is not true, for the house was never before appointed to the Writer of the Tallies, but in 16 Eliz. was enjoyed by the Auditor and Teller of the Exchequer, and was charged with a rent, as appears by a *quietus est* produced by Sir Robt. Pye.

By an Act of the late Parliament of 30 Jan. 1649, the kingly government is taken away, and now there is no such officer as Writer of the Tallies to the King, and there is no saving in this Act of any man's right. This Committee also find that, by order of

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1653. the Revenue Committee of 14 Nov. 1645, the payment of his fee of 260*l.* 3*s.* a year as Auditor of the Receipt, with an additional allowance of 239*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to make up his fee, 500*l.*, is continued to him until that Committee gives further order, and for these reasons this Committee think his title, if he had any, to the said house, is ended. [2 *pages.*]

[Oct.] Papers relating to John Pearse, captain of the Weymouth frigate.

91, 92. Certificate by Wm. Harding and 6 other officers of the garrison, that he carefully convoyed a ship with powder and ammunition for that garrison and for Falmouth, and came from the Downs one day before the ships revolted; that they have experience of his faithfulness towards the State, and his resolution against the betrayers of their trust, as he protested that rather than they should have his ship, he would either have sunk or fired her; and that he also voluntarily proffered himself, his ship and company for the service of this garrison, when the cavaliers vapoured and flourished in their parts. Melcomb, 11 October 1649. [*Original and copy,* ¾ *page.*]

93. Hen. Gibson to [Capt. Pearse]. Thanks for your forwardness in sending your son and seamen hither for the relief of this poor remote garrison, the only interest the State has in the county of Kerry. When opportunity happens, your service shall be made known to those who will not be sparing of rendering more thanks. —Dingle, May 10, 1652. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

94. Depositions by John Marshall, quartermaster, and 7 others, to the like effect. With note [by Capt. Pearse to the Commissioners of the Navy] that these deponents were cleared upon the coast of Holland, when the Weymouth parted from the General, they being old and not fit for service. The rest of the old men are either killed, drowned, or sick. Prays that an old and faithful servant may not be ruined by idle and scandalous people, and that he may have justice on their persons, as they have no estate.—Sept. 3, 1653. [1 *page.*]

95. Certificate by Lieut. John Pearse and 97 others. Our captain, John Pearse, behaved faithfully and with courage in certain engagements, and the report of some idle persons that he was in drink in time of service is false. When the William came on board us, they reporting that the fault was on our part, we can prove that we were standing one way and they the other, and to prevent danger we put our ship on stays, but they did not do so much as brace their foresail to the mast, to stop their way, neither bore up until very near to us, so that then they could not prevent coming on board of us. There was also no looking out to prevent dangers, and their boatswain much blamed their company for the neglect.—Spithead, Oct. 1, 1653. [*Copy,* 2 *pages.*]

Oct. ? **96.** Petition of Ann, widow of Capt. Wm. Rouse, commander of the Portland, to the Council of State, for relief, being left with 10 children in a destitute condition; her husband died by a shot

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through the head in an engagement with the Dutch on 31 July last. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

96. I. *Certificate by Hen. Jackson and John Haselock, surgeons, on a post mortem, that Rouse died of the said wound,* 28 *Oct.* 1653.

Nov. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir O. Fleming to tell the Portuguese Ambassador that by reason of the sitting of Parliament to-morrow afternoon, and the alteration of Council, audience cannot be given him to-morrow, but some day soon will be appointed. [*I.* 71, *p.* 201.]

Nov. 1. **97.** Order in the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries to pay 6,420*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* to Rich. Hutchinson, to be issued for the navy, on warrants from the Navy Commissioners. Receipted 12 Nov. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 1. Lease from Thomas Yarburgh of Campsall, co. York, to Thomas Kent of Lambeth, co. Surrey, of several messuages, tenements, &c., recited in their assignment to him of 31 Oct. last, for 5½ years, rent 90*l.* 6*s.*, and one lb. of good case pepper. [*Parchment, signed. Interregnum, Box* 2, *No.* 1.]

Nov. 1 ? **98.** Capt. Jno. Edge, commander of the Relief, to the Navy Commissioners. Account of guns, ammunition, and other stores, supplied by his ship, by order of Capt. Rich. Badiley, to the Paragon, Leopard, and Bonadventure, at Leghorn. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. **99.** List [by Sir Edw. Nicholas] of the 31 members of the Council of State, headed by Lord Gen. Cromwell, to continue for 6 months commencing from 2 Nov. 1653. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. **100–103.** Five bills with requests for payment by Col. John Berkstead, and the Commissioners for impressing seamen, &c., to Major John Miller, for disbursements in impressing shipwrights and carpenters, and bringing them to the Tower. Receipted, viz.:

				£	*s.*	*d.*
Rich. Alworth, with list of	24	carpenters	- -	1	3	0½
Mat. Kemp	„ 20	„	- -	4	0	0
Jas. Miles,	„ 24	„	- -	2	4	6
Jas. Nuthall,	„ „	„	- -	1	18	10

[4 *papers.*]

Nov. 2. **104–108.** Like bills, &c. for impressing mariners, viz.:

				£	*s.*	*d.*
Rob. Parker, who impressed	215, with list		- -	10	15	0
Mat. Kemp,	„ 52	„	- -	2	19	0
Eph. Williams,	„ 20	„	- -	1	10	0
Jon. Martin,	„ 23	„	- -	1	9	0
Wm. Foster and others, for conducting them on board the Swiftsure.				3	11	0

[5 *papers.*]

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Nov. 2. **109.** Like bill, &c. for 10*l.* to Thos. Cross, clerk to the Commissioners, for their disbursements from April to 2 Nov. 1653. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Charles Wolsley and Mr. Sadler to be a Committee to prepare a declaration, in pursuance of an instruction from Parliament, about forbidding disturbance to be offered to any in the exercise of public worship in the way of the Protestant religion, and to offer the same to Council.

2–4. John Thurloe appointed secretary, and Wm. Jessop and Gualter Frost, assistant secretaries to the present Council of State.

5. John Milton to remain in the same capacity as he was in the last Council, and to have the same allowance as formerly.

6. Cols. Sydenham, Jones, Rouse, and Barton, Capt. Stone, Wolsley, Cooper, Strickland, and Sir Wm. Roberts, to form a Committee to consider of the clerks and other officers belonging to Council, and of their salaries, and report.

7. The above Committee to consider how the account required by order from Parliament may be put into such a way of preparation that it may be presented to Parliament by the time prefixed in the order.

8. Council not to sit past 7 p.m. unless engaged in important debate, or in the despatch of matters of great concernment; and then the president to move Council to give order for their sitting till the said business be despatched.

9. Col. Sydenham and the rest of the above-named Committee to be a Committee to consider what Committees were constituted by the former Council, and what Committees are fit to be constituted of this Council, and to report.

10. Fleming to tell the Portuguese Ambassador from Council that if he have anything to offer them, they will be ready to give him audience.

11. The like *mutatis mutandis* for Lord Lagerfeldt.

12. The members of Council now in town to attend at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

14. Jones, Rouse, and Roberts to be a Committee to confer with Mr. Price concerning a discovery he has to make to Council, and to report what he shall offer.

15. Col. Barton, Mr. Bennet, and Col. Bingham to be a Committee to prepare the paper which has this day been presented to Council by Col. Sydenham (about managing some discoveries made by Col. Alan Boteler to the advantage of the commonwealth), so that what is propounded may be made practicable, and may, by order from Council, be put into a way of execution.

16, 17. The petitions of Robert Aldus, and of Smith, King, and White, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

18. Also that of Cecile Orchard, to consider her condition, and do for her as is usual.

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Nov. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

19, 20. Note that the members of Council hereafter named took the oath following, viz.:—

Lord Gen. Cromwell.	Viscount Lisle.
Col. Montague.	Col. Hen. Cromwell.
Col. Phil. Jones.	Col. Barton.
Sir A. A. Cooper.	Jervaise Bennet.
Capt. Chas. Howard.	Mr. Strickland.
Sir Gilbt. Pickering.	Mr. Carew.
Major-Gen. Desborow.	Col. Bingham.
Col. Geo. Fleetwood.	Mr. Sadler.
Mr. Anlaby.	Col. Ant. Rouse.
Dr. Jonath. Goddard.	Mr. Major.
Sir Wm. Roberts.	Col. Sydenham.
Capt. John Stone.	Sir Chas. Wolsley.

20. I, A.B., being nominated to be of the Council of State, do promise, in the sight of God, that through His grace I will not reveal anything, in whole or part, directly or indirectly, that shall be debated or resolved upon in Council, and particularly ordered to be kept secret, without allowance of Parliament or Council.

21, 22. Memorandum that Mr. Jessop and Gualter Frost did this day take the oath ensuing, being a like oath of fidelity and secresy.

23. Like form of an oath to be tendered to such as the Council shall employ under them. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 1–6.]

Nov. 4. Act for redress of delays and mischiefs arising by writs of error, and writs of false judgment.

After 7 Nov. no execution to be stayed or superseded in any court by such writs after verdict is obtained, and all writs of *supersedeas* granted thereon to be void, and no judgments to be reversed for want of matter of form, but only for want of matter of substance to be shown to the judges in the said courts.

All who prosecute writs of error on a judgment afterwards affirmed are to pay the defendant double costs. This Act not to extend to any action or penal statutes, indictment, presentment, inquisition, information, or appeal. [3 *pages, printed. Record Office Library,* 498 *F., Collection of Acts, Vol. I., No.* 76.]

Nov. 4. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Note that Lord Eure, Ald. Tichborne, Mr. Lawrence, and Sir Robert King took the oath of secresy.

2. The Lieutenant of the Tower to permit Anth. Jackson, prisoner, to come with his keeper to the bar of the Court of Common Pleas in Westminster Hall, to give his testimony there in a cause depending between Sir Gerard Fleetwood and Wm. Terringham.

3. The Lord President to sign a blank pass for a certain person to go beyond seas, being for the especial service of the commonwealth.

4. **110.** To desire the Admiralty Commissioners to give a speedy account to Council of the state of the whole fleet intended to be sent to sea for this winter, and particularly what ships are already gone forth, and to what stations they are ordered, and how many

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are remaining behind, and when those which are yet in port will be ready to sail, and what the obstructions are which hinder their setting forth.

5. The report from the Admiralty Judges, in the case of Richard Faulconer, master of the Noah's Ark, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to examine what the lading of the said ship was, and to give a particular account thereof with speed. *Annexing,*

111. *Report of the said Commissioners that the lading is hops, tow, spirits, soft soap, and cordage.*—8 *Nov.* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

8. The re-credential letters and other papers which are prepared for Lord Lagerfeldt to be sent him by Sir O. Fleming.

10. Col. Barton and Mr. Bennet to be a Committee to go forth and examine — Grey; apprehended on suspicion of dispersing scandalous papers and pamphlets. [*I.* 71, *pp.* 7–9.]

Nov. 5. **112.** Petition of Jno. Birch, Mayor of Newbury, to the Council of State, for the auditing of his accounts for maintenance of 45 Dutch prisoners and for payment of the amount disbursed by him to his intolerable burden, not knowing where to receive the moneys by reason of the late alterations. Also that he and the town may be relieved of all further care and charge therein. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 5. Whitehall. **113.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to examine the account, and order payment of what appears due. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 13.]

Nov. 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. To desire the justices of peace for co. Oxford (to whom a letter was formerly written about the business of the parsonage of Newnham Courtney) to state the matter of fact concerning the claims of Mr. Eyton and Mr. Unity to the parsonage, and certify with speed, that the matter may be quickly settled.

2. Note that Col. John James this day took the oath of secresy.

3. Any three of the Council who first meet in the Council Chamber, before the sitting of Council, appointed a Committee to read petitions to Council, and to consider what is fit to be done upon them, and report thereon.

4. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider whether the Stork, laden with ammunition for Ireland, and now in the Thames, is fit to pass to Ireland at this present, and to report.

6. **114.** Order, on report from the Admiralty Commissioners about the way of impressing seamen for the fleet, that the said Commissioners use the means they find most fit according to the power given them by Parliament, whether that this day reported from them to Council, or any other.

8. Order, on petition of Capt. John Palmer, Ed. Hobson, Rich. Manning, Wm. Southton & Co., inhabitants of Chichester, to write to the Spanish Ambassador to recommend their case to him, that speedy justice may be procured by him for them.

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Nov. 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

9. Sir Robt. King and Col. Cromwell to report to Parliament the petition of Sir Theop. Jones, late colonel of a regiment of horse in the service of Ireland, Council finding that what is therein desired is not in their power to grant, and being sensible of his many faithful services in Ireland.

10. **115.** Order, on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, in behalf of Jacob Blackleach, master of the David of London, which was impressed for the service and taken by the enemy, that a prize vessel of equal value to his which was lost be given him. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 12–14.]

Nov. 6. Harwich. **116.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. We have paid off all the ships directed except the Mermaid. I stopped 40*s.* a man of the Assurance's pay, until the ship be in the Rolling ground, and they appear on board, because they were second to the Mermaid in deserting and capitulating about their pay. The Mermaid I have left to the last. They not only were the first to mutiny and invite others, but yesterday they tried to provoke the Assurance men to distemper. I have subdued the mutiny, and committed one of the worst to Landguard Fort, where there are now 4.

The Advantage has come in, and I shall pay them 300*l.* if I can; the Assurance and 4 others are nearly ready to sail. There have been the severest storms here known for many years. I have done all I can, by letters to the Mayor of Colchester and the constables, to prevent the escape of men by water and land, yet they find means to run. I want orders to Yarmouth and all corporations who press men not to pay press and conduct money to boys and men not fit for the service. I am despatching the ships, and beg leave of absence, being ill, and wishing, after so long a spell, to visit my family. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 6. Harwich. **117.** Major N. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. I have got over the worst part of the work of paying off the ships, and been even with the worst of the crew; now I hope for liberty to come home to my family. The first ship's crew that rebelled shall march forth to-morrow before they are paid, and they now begin to curse one another for drawing them in. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 7. **118.** Petition of Benjamin Goslin to the Council of State, for licence to sail with the Lioness for Barbadoes, having 50 passengers on board and 60 more to take in, and being detained by the embargo laid upon merchants' ships. The daily expenses for diet are very great, and the islands cannot subsist without some refreshment of trade. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 7. **119.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [¾ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 21.]

Nov. 7. **120.** Petition of Claes Claesen, master of the John of Thuning, bound for Hamburg, to the Council of State, for license to sail for Hamburg, being freighted with goods belonging to several English merchants, but having no English mariners on board. Was sent to

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England with masts, deals, &c. for the service of the State, which have been delivered at Chatham. Is at vast expense lying here, and if there were to be ice in the river of Hamburg, would be ruined. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 7. **121.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 22.]

Nov. 7. **122.** Petition of Capt. Hen. Appleton to the Council of State, for an order for auditing his accounts, and for consideration of the loss he sustained in his estate, exceeding 400*l.*, as also his sufferings and great expense in his imprisonment and journey [from Leghorn]. The Irish and Scotch Committee have reported on his case; has offered his accounts to the Navy Committee, who refuse them without order from the Admiralty Committee, who will not give it without order from the Council of State. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 7. **123.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 23.]

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2. Order on petition of Wm. Drake, citizen and clothworker of London, and a certificate on his behalf by divers persons in the city, that he be at liberty to return to England, and there reside, giving such security as Sir Wm. Roberts, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Sadler shall approve, not to act anything against this commonwealth, and making his personal submission before them, according to the purport of the said petition.

3. Note that Sir Wm. Brownlow this day took the oath of secresy.

4. The Committee formerly appointed to confer with Mr. Price about his discovery to treat with him, and take a more particular account from him concerning that business.

5. Cooper, Sadler, Bingham, and Rouse to be a Committee of Examinations, to examine all matters referring to the public safety which shall come before Council, with power to send for persons, papers, and witnesses.

7. Cols. Sydenham and Bingham to inquire what guns now remaining at Weymouth and Melcomb Regis belong to the town or inhabitants, and what proportion of guns are necessary for the securing thereof; and to give order for continuing such guns there, with their carriages and provisions as they find to belong to the town, or to be necessary to it. What they so order are to be retained by the said town for its better defence, all orders of Council or of the Admiralty Committee for removing them notwithstanding.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to confer with the Governor of Landguard Fort concerning its condition, and to take care that it be furnished with all things necessary for security and defence, being a fort of much concernment.

9. Rouse, Jones, Roberts, Fleetwood, Goddard, and Col. Cromwell, to be a Committee to consider of a paper from the Spanish Ambassador, presented this day, concerning bags of wool taken out of the Samson, Salvador, and George, to examine the fact, to send for Dr. Walker and such other persons, papers, and witnesses as they find necessary, and to report.

10. Order,—on a request from the Portuguese Ambassador Extra-

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ordinary, this day presented, that time may be assigned him for an audience;—that he have audience at 4 p.m. next Wednesday; Fleming to give him notice.

11. The 2 letters from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland of 5 October last, with some resolutions by them for management of affairs of Ireland, and 7 papers concerning the articles of Galloway, referred to King, Col. Cromwell, Strickland, Wolsley, and Roberts, to consider and report.

12. Commissary-Gen. Whalley to order some of his horse now marching northwards to afford assistance for conveying along with them John Hudson, Fras. Jackson, and Chris. Nadd, committed for felony, that they may be delivered with security to the sheriff of co. York at York Castle.

13. Order, on petition of Charles Chetwind,—setting forth that Dorothy, relict of Ralph Chetwind, of Longway, parish of Stow-in-Lichfield, co. Stafford, gent., is, through distemper in her brain, unable to manage her estate of 30*l.* a year in land, and a small personal estate; and on certificate from the bailiffs and several inhabitants of Litchfield to the same purport:—That for preventing misusage of her person, miscarriage of her children's portions, and prejudice to her estate, the said Chas. Chetwind, being the eldest son, be appointed guardian of Dorothy, and of her children during their minorities; and that the management of the estate be committed to him till further order, he maintaining her and her children, and satisfying the debts charged thereupon justly owing to the said Ralph, and rendering an account to such persons as shall be authorised to require it.

14. Col. Robert Jermy and Tobias Frere, M.P.s, to consider the petition of Robert Congham, minister at Blofield, co. Norfolk, and to inquire of the truth of the matters alleged touching the rectory of Blofield, and Mr. Spidham's pretensions thereto, and to report.

15. Mr. Ryley's salary and arrears, as keeper of the records in the Tower, to be paid him from Council's contingencies.

16. **124.** Order,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, in pursuance of Council's order of Saturday last,—that the Stork, laden with ammunition for the State's service in Ireland, be suffered to pass out of the Thames, notwithstanding the embargo, and that the Generals of the fleet appoint her a safe convoy.

17. Col. Rouse, Col. Fleetwood, and Ald. Tichborne to report their opinions concerning the petition of the postmasters for the ratification of Mr. Manley's interest in the Post Office.

18. The new frigate now to be launched at Blackwall to bear the name of Marston Moor.

19. Sadler, Cooper, Strickland, Lawrence, Col. Cromwell, Sydenham, and King to be a Committee to consider of the Parliament's instructions to Council concerning the library at St. James's, and to report how it may most conveniently be executed.

23. **125.** The petition of Susan, widow of Rob. Morgan, mariner of Ipswich, for relief (her husband being slain in the service), referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

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24. The re-credential letter to the Helvetian cantons of Switzerland, now read, approved, and to be translated, signed, and delivered by Fleming to Johannes Jacobus Stockarus, agent to the said cantons, being now to return home.

27. Order, on petition of Capt. Walter Cuny, referred to Col. Jones, Capt. Howard, and Mr. Courtney; and on Col. Jones' report thereupon,—that upon perusal of several papers, and full hearing, it appeared to the said Committee that Cuny was damnified through the siege of Pembroke by the Parliament's forces, in corn, hay, grass, &c. for the use of the said army, to the value of 195*l.* odd;—that 150*l.* be allowed Cuny, to be paid out of Council's contingencies. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 17–23.]

Nov. 7. Dover. **126.** Capt. Rich. Ingle to [Edw. Marston]. The ship I sailed in with Capt. White was cast away in the Downs, for want of cables to ride; since then I have had a tedious fit of sickness. Pray look after my money due from the two prizes taken when I was with Capt. Wood. In referring you therein to Mr. Parram, I give you power to use all lawful means for its recovery, and when obtained, to give one moiety to my wife, and send the other to me. I hear that they have been condemned and that the other men have received their shares. I have 11 shares. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 8. **127.** Petition of Stephen Jackson, Mayor, and Elias Pratt, Andrew Crispe, and Thos. Watson, bailiffs and burgesses of Berwick, to the Council of State, for a convoy for some ships freighted with salmon for Newcastle, London, and other ports, there being several Dutch pirates lying upon the coast, and they having lost upwards of 3,000*l.* by them last summer. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 8. **128.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, recommending that provision be made therefor with the first conveniency. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 28.]

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1. The petition of John Ravett concerning Broughton Rectory, co. Hants, referred to the next justices of peace, to examine and determine the difference if they can, or to certify the whole state of the case.

2. Order on petition of Wm. Palmer of St. Malo, Brittany, on behalf of the commonalty of the said town and those interested in the ships and ladings of the St. John of Grace and the 3 Kings, lately taken by Capt. Nich. Hayton, commander of the Sapphire, that the Admiralty Judges suspend judgment thereon for 14 days, or till Council shall give further order.

3. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider the paper this day presented from M. de Bordeaux, the French agent, and what answer is fit to be given; also to inquire of the true state of fact touching the two ships therein mentioned, and report.

4. Order on a request this day presented from Lord Lagerfeldt, minister of Sweden, to take leave of Council, that Fleming inform him that 5 p.m. is designed on that behalf.

5. The 2 letters from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland,

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dated 5 October, and the resolutions and papers enclosed, referred yesterday to a special Committee, to be referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

6. Order on report by Col. Barton on the examination of Isaac Gray's dispersing scandalous papers and pamphlets, that Gray be committed to the Gatehouse till further order.

7. Col. Barton and Mr. Bennet to be a Committee to examine Mrs. Blacklock concerning some acting of hers in reference to scandalous papers.

8. Lord Lagerfeldt's re-credentials, with the amendment now agreed on, to be reported to Parliament by Col. Sydenham.

9. Col. Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, to see the records of Scotland that are separated by Mr. Downing and Dr. Staynes packed up and inventoried, and sent by the next man-of-war that goes to Scotland to Mr. Smith, one of the judges there, to whose care their disposal with a copy of the inventory is committed.

11. The petition of John Ward, for allowance of a pension from Ely House, in respect of his poverty and wounds in the service, to be recommended by Mr. Thurloe to the treasurers for Ely House.

12. The letter from Capt. Hatsell, concerning the St. Anna frigate claimed by the Spanish Ambassador, with the examinations enclosed, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

13. The petition of Mary, widow of Major John Burton, slain at Montgomery Castle, for an order to the Army Committee to pay some moneys due to her, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to state and report.

15. The Lord General, Mr. Strickland, Col. Sydenham, and Mr. Lawrence to be a Committee of Secresy, to manage the intelligence that shall be received, and communicate the same to Council as they see cause.

16. **129.** The petition of Thos. Corbett that the Fisher of Stralsund, bound for Denmark, may have liberty to proceed on her voyage, she belonging to Sweden, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to report.

17. The report from the Admiralty Judges concerning Christian Markuson's claim referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report. *Annexing,*

130. 1. *Report by [the Admiralty Judges] on a claim in the Admiralty Court, by Christian Markuson, of Swinsound, Denmark, for the Hector of Swinsound. The ship was laden with deals last April, on the general license of* 15 *March, for the bringing in of masts, pitch, timber, &c. and consigned to merchants in Hull, but was taken by a Dutch man-of-war. The master redeemed his ship by selling his deals, and in his return, was taken by the Adventure frigate, to whose commander, Capt. Nelson, he delivered for safety* 200 *of* 400 *rix dollars, proceeds of the deals, and the crew of the frigate took away* 200 *more, which was hid in the ballast, besides other goods. The judges wait orders thereon, not having received them as regards Danish ships, which this is.* [¾ *page.*]

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18. Order on report from the Admiralty Judges of 27 October 1653,—concerning the Dutch ship Bear's Foot, John Hendrickson, master, and an agreement therein mentioned to be made under the fort of Salabrine, in the Spanish dominions, betwixt the squadron late under Capt. Trenchfield, in the service of this State, and the said Hendrickson, concerning the ship and her lading;—that the said agreement is to be made good; and the Admiralty Judges to proceed accordingly. [*See p.* 219 *supra.*]

19. All petitions for letters of marque on trading voyages to be referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to examine the truth of the matter alleged, and to report whether the ships be truly bound on trading voyages, that further order may be given.

20. Order, on report from Cols. Bingham and Sydenham, in pursuance of an order of yesterday,—that three minions and one faulcon of the guns at Weymouth and Melcomb Regis are claimed by persons in those towns, and that 8 demi-culverins, 4 sackers, and 2 minions with their carriages and provisions, as also 12 barrels of powder and ball, are necessary for the forts there;—that a letter be written to Capt. Arthur of Weymouth to stay the guns there accordingly, and that notice hereof be given to the Admiralty Commissioners.

21. Order that—as by Parliament order of 6th April 1652, 4,000*l.* was charged on Goldsmiths' Hall for Dover Harbour, but they have lately received 750*l.* out of a seizure there,—the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall pay 3,250*l.* for Dover, and 750*l.* to Frost, for Council's contingencies.

22. The great brass cannon, called Queen Elizabeth, to be continued in Cornet Castle, Guernsey, for the service of that place.

23. The Lord General, Col. Cromwell, King, Howard, Bennet, Pickering, and Stone to be the Irish and Scotch Committee; and the care of this to be specially referred to Col. Cromwell.

24. The Lord General, Wolsley, Cooper, Sadler, Lord Eure, Col. James, Sir Wm. Roberts, Barton, and Goddard to be a Committee for Lunatics, and the care thereof specially referred to Sadler.

25. The Lord General, Strickland, Wolsley, Pickering, Cooper, Lawrence, Tichborne, Viscount Lisle, Sadler, Jones, Montague, Sydenham, and Major to be the Committee for Foreign Affairs, the care thereof specially referred to Lawrence.

26. The Lord General, Jones, Tichborne, Bingham, Stone, Goddard, Cromwell, and Barton to be a Committee for the Mint, the care thereof specially referred to Tichborne and Bingham.

27. The Lord General, Brownlow, Fleetwood, Anlaby, Roberts, Barton, Howard, Major, Strickland, Rous, James, Desborow, Carew, and Harrison to be the Ordnance Committee, the care thereof specially referred to Howard.

28. Cooper, Sadler, Bingham, Rouse, Strickland, Sydenham, Wolsley, Bennet, and Barton to be a Committee for Examination, the care thereof especially referred to Bennet. [*J.* 72, *pp.* 62–33.]

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1. Col. Jones added to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

2, 3. Col. Montague added to the Committee for the library at James's House, and Henry Lawrence, a member of this Council, appointed keeper of the library.

6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider of the manner of the address which was this day made to Council by the Portuguese Ambassador, and what notice should be taken of it by them, and what rules should be observed by Ambassadors and public ministers in their addresses to Council in future, and to report.

7. Monday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings to be the times for the sitting of the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

8. To desire Sir Chas. Wolsley to move Parliament to appoint some means whereby the complaints frequently made to Council against scandalous ministers may be heard and examined, and justice done upon those against whom the matters charged shall be proved.

9. Sir G. Pickering to present to Parliament the report on Sir Adam Loftus' case.

10. The petition of Christian West, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to do as is usual.

11. Order, on petition of the well-affected in Watlington parish, co. Oxford, to write to 2 justices of peace to examine the matter suggested, state the fact, and certify.

13. Order, on report from the Admiralty Commissioners about the payment of money for the sick and wounded seamen, to recommend to the Commissioners for Inspection to issue their warrants from time to time to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, to pay to the Commissioners for the sick and wounded seamen such sums as they shall be certified by the Admiralty Commissioners to be necessary.

15. 15,000*l.* of the money in the Tower to be paid towards the prize money due to mariners.

16. Order,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning payment of part of the prize money due to the seamen who have been in the service, and are again in the State's pay;—that the Commissioners for Inspection advise with the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the putting of the payment of the said moneys into such way that it may be done without charge to the State, Council having assigned 15,000*l.* of the money now in the Tower to that use, which is to be paid to such persons as the said Commissioners shall agree upon, and shall report to Council to receive it.

17, 18. **131.** The letter from the Mayor of Southampton of the 5th instant referred to Commissary-Gen. Whalley, and a copy of it to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners. *Annexing,*

131. I. *Wm. Horne, Mayor of Southampton, to the Council of State. There are 35 Dutch prisoners who have been confined here 6 months, and until within the last 4 days, have received 6d. a day each for subsistence, but that having ceased, they have addressed me for money. I desire directions, you having forbidden their*

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transportation. There are likewise in the common gaol 3 Irishmen and one Scot who were taken with the Dutch, and are desirous to serve in the navy if discharged.—Southampton, 5 Nov. [¾ *page.*]

19. A warrant to be issued to the Admiralty Judges to discharge the Florissant, Council being satisfied in the matter charged against her. *Annexing,*

132. 1. *Report of the Admiralty Judges on an order of* 26 *Oct., that Capt. Salomon Bichot of the Florisant was, by order of* 4 *Aug. last, allowed to sail from Dieppe to Cape de Verd, he doing nothing to prejudice English shipping. He sailed* 14 *Oct., but about the Stert, was met by the Providence frigate, and was hailed, but submitted not, and prepared for fight. One gun was fired, but the captain says that it was without his order, also that he knew not the Providence was an English ship. Those of the Providence say several guns were fired at them, and they gave her one broadside and prepared for another, when she yielded; but when the captain came on board, he said he would have sunk before he yielded, had he known the Providence's fire was so small.—*2 *Nov. Noted as read and referred* 8 *Nov.* [1 *page.*]

20. To write to the Governor of Chester that, on the petition of John Senhouse of Seacale, Cumberland, prisoner with him, Council have thought fit to allow him 3 months' liberty, on security to the Governor to appear to Council within a month, and to render himself back prisoner to Chester Castle at the end of three months.

21. The petition of the freeholders and commoners of Epworth Manor, Isle of Axholme, and that of the inhabitants of Misterton, referred to the Committee for Examinations, to report. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 37–41.]

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3. Order on examination of Ellen Blacklock by a Committee of Council, that she be dismissed from the restraint laid upon her by Council, and wholly set free.

5. The petition and account of Capt. Lawrence Knot, Governor of Sandgate Castle, Kent, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

6. The petition of seamen's widows who have sustained loss by the Portuguese referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider and report.

7. The petition of Wm. Fishman, part owner and master of the Peace of London, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to state the matter of fact and report. *Annexing,*

133. 1. *Report thereon by the said judges that the petitioner owns* ¼ *of the ship, that the owners let it to Mr. Beane and others, and that Fishman went to look after the ship, and — Child as master, both on wages. That she took a Dutch prize, and the Council of State, on* 10 *June* 1653,

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adjudged ⅔ thereof to Beane and the freighters, excluding Fishman and the mariners, because they were under wages.—Doctors' Commons, 30 *Nov.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

8. The Ordnance Committee to confer with the Governor of Landguard Fort concerning its condition, and to take care that it be furnished with all things necessary for its security, being a fort of much concernment.

9. **134.** Order on the report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, that the Admiralty and Inspection Commissioners who are of Council speak with Hutchinson, and consider what may best enable him to manage the service, and to report.

10. The petitions of Frances Jones and Anne Hill, widows, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to consider and report.

12. The judges who are now going to Scotland to have 100*l.* a piece advanced to them at their coming to Scotland, on account of their salaries.

13. The business of the embargo to be debated at a full Council to-morrow afternoon. The Council to be summoned against that time.

14. The paper sent in from the Portuguese Ambassador, being a duplicate and translation of that he delivered in person yesterday, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

15. The certificate from the Commissioners appointed to hear and examine the merchants' demands for losses by the Portuguese referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

16, 17. Also the paper from Lord Lagerfeldt, minister from Sweden, delivered this day; and a paper offered in the name of the agent for the Duke of Courland.

18. Order on Peter Butler's petition about his losses sustained by the Spaniard, that Fleming repair to the Spanish Ambassador, and desire his answer to the Council's letter formerly written to obtain justice for him, and whatever answer shall be given, Fleming is to report to Council.

19. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to meet to-morrow morning, for despatch of matters to them referred.

21. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, concerning Capt. Swanley's loss of the Bonadventure and her prize, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

22. To write to Mr. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, that Council desires his return to England may be for some time forborne. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 43–47.]

Nov. 10. Harwich. **135.** Major N. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. I do not serve for wages, and would have been content with my expenses. I shall sit down in silence, but the world is unequally divided. I should be glad to have the business as to the prizes concluded. It is the season that will make it a courtesy to me. I hope to be able to leave in 16 days. I have been nearly killed by the extreme cold taken in coasting up and down. [¾ *page.*]

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1. The petition of Hen. Shelly referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the business and report.

3. Cols. Bingham and Barton and Mr. Bennet to be a Committee to consider of what is offered in the petition of Mr. Clovell, and whether any use may be made of anything therein for the advantage of the commonwealth, and to report.

4. **136.** The petition of Thos. Marshall, Collector of Customs in Ryde, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider and report.

5. Mr. Strickland added to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

6. The several examinations taken in Hampshire concerning the spoiling of timber in the forests there, and transmitted to the Council, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to read, make a short abstract of what relate most to the spoil of timber, and report; that on a review made of the business, further orders may be given.

7. Cooper and Lawrence to report to Parliament the draft of an Act prepared for declaring what shall be high treason. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 49, 50.]

Nov. 11. Dover. **137.** J. Skinner to Edw. Marston, Gardener's Lane, Westminster. I understand that the Council of State, by order of Parliament, grants licences for importing French wines, upon petition, and payment of 2*l.* more per tun since the prohibition; pray procure me a licence for 300 tuns of white and claret, and let the petition and licence be in your name, for reasons which I will explain. With draft notes relating to the capture of prizes, &c. [2 *pages.*]

DECLARATION OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Parliament having lately entrusted this Council to take care that the good people of England, Scotland, and Ireland be protected in their peaceable assemblies for the worship of God, not intending thereby any sufferance to any Popish or idolatrous worship:—it is hereby declared that Council will so protect all the good people of these nations, that no disturbance may be offered to any such in their peaceable assemblies; and it is required of all ministers of justice to proceed against offenders therein as disturbers of the public peace, and all other persons whatsoever are to take notice hereof. [*I.* 72, *p.* 54.]

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1. The declaration now read in Council, concerning protecting the good people of this nation in their worship of God, in the way of the Protestant religion, approved, and to be printed and published.

2. Order on petition of Col. John Hewson that 4 ships be permitted to pass from Chester or Liverpool to Dublin, notwithstanding the embargo. The Irish and Scotch Committee to nominate some person at Chester to appoint what 4 ships shall pass.

3. A Committee of Council to give audience to the agent of the city of Hamburg at 4 next Tuesday. Fleming to give him notice.

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6. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.

7. The members of Council now in town to attend Council at 3 p.m. next Monday. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 53–54.]

Nov. 12. The Swifture, Hope. **138.** Gen. Monk to the Council of State. This morning I called a council of war of the respective commanders in the ships riding here, to know their state, and enclose a list of their wants. I have written the Admiralty Committee that a timely supply may be made, and that the ships and frigates fitting out at Deptford and Woolwich may be hastened down; upon their arrival, I will quicken the commanders and other officers in their duty, whereunto your commands to the Navy Commissioners will be of no small concernment to their despatch. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing.*

138. I. *List of* 9 *ships in the Hope, with particulars of their wants.* [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 12. The Swiftsure, Hope. **139.** Gen. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. I send a list of ships in the Hope, and their wants of men and provisions, and beg that they may be speedily supplied, and that those fitting out at Deptford and other places in the river may be hastened down. On their arrival, I will quicken the commanders and other officers in their duties, and send an account. I want a few men, and also the prize money due to the Swiftsure for her 400 men, and let that due to others fitting at Portsmouth be sent there.

You should publish what further encouragement you intend giving to seamen who volunteer to serve.

P.S.—Ascertain from Capt. Goodson whether he intends going to sea with the Unicorn, and if not, engage with Capt. Newbury. It would encourage the men to declare that their prize money shall be paid on board the ships they are entered on. [1¾ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

139. I. *Duplicate of the preceding list.* [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 13. Antwerp. **140.** Luke Whittington to Ralph Parker, English gentleman, at the Prince of Orange's house, Flushing. I arrived here 3 days since, in company of Sir John Bale and Mr. Clotherbook, and intend visiting you at Flushing this day week. There is no news here but that out of Germany, which is very good, and generally believed to be true, that the Emperor and Prince of Germany have declared to assist our King with men and money, and that there is a stay of all ships in England for 40 days. I will visit my lord shortly. Sir John and Mr. Clotherbook present their service to my lord and you. [⅔ *page.*]

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1. The Lieutenant of the Tower to make a return to the *habeas corpus* sent him from the Court of Upper Bench,—requiring him to bring Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne before them on the 16th inst.,—that Lilburne is committed to him by warrant from the Council of

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State, in order to the preservation of the peace and safety of the nation, in pursuance of an order of Parliament.

2. The keeper of the Gatehouse to return to a like *habeas corpus* from the Upper Bench, requiring him to bring John Streeter before them, that Streeter is committed to him by warrant from the Council of State, for publishing seditious pamphlets against the State.

4. The petition of Ald. Chiverton, for a convoy for some ships from Dunkirk to England, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give convoy if they find no inconvenience therein to the present service.

5. Desborow and Howard to move Parliament to give order for the payment of 4 serjeants and 1 corporal, added to the Lord General's regiment on occasion of the recruits, from 22 August last.

6. **141.** The letter from Gen. Monk from aboard the Swiftsure of the 12th inst., with the enclosed list, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

7. The letter from Capt. Hatsel of the 11th inst., concerning the Anne frigate of St. Sebastian, and the examination enclosed, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

8. The Committee of Council appointed to consider the officers' salaries, to meet at 8 a.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 55–57.]

Nov. 14. Leghorn. **142.** Charles Longland to Lord General Cromwell and the Council of State. I have had a printed book sent from England, entitled a Remonstrance of the fight in Leghorn Road, dedicated to you by Capt. Hen. Appleton, wherein I find myself very much traduced. Although I cannot, at such a distance, put so much into paper as is requisite for my vindication, yet if I should be silent, something he accuses me of may be taken for truth by them that do not know me. The Lord has given me grace to keep me from such foul villanies as I am accused of, and if Capt. Appleton was kept for 3 days from those mischievous men whose counsels have prevailed with him, and strictly examined concerning my carriage, I am confident he would give me a better character.

At his passing by this port in Nov. 1651, with his squadron for Turkey, his behaviour so much incensed the Great Duke, that his Highness wrote a letter of complaint against him to Parliament. and commanded the English here to recommend its delivery in a letter of ours to the Turkey Company, which letter, out of respect to Appleton, I alone forbore to underwrite, whereby I gained ill will both from the Prince and our own nation, and Appleton on his return acknowledged my civility very thankfully.

In the following April, I received a commission from the Council of State to serve their ships and commanders here with what they required; two months after, Appleton returned into port with his squadron from Turkey, and I, who before had showed so much respect to him in his absence, now, when I was made the State's servant, and an obligation laid upon me to serve him, am said to betray him into the Great Duke's castle at Pisa as a close prisoner, and hinder any one to visit him.

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Nov. 14. In the 5th page he undertakes to give an exact account of the surprisal of the Phœnix, purposely to show you another error of mine. He says that he sent me an account of the particulars, that you might have notice quickly, but that I sent my own servant with the news, not giving him the liberty of sending. The truth is that same letter and information which Appleton sent me, I sent to you by Nath. Davis, a merchant lying in my house.

In the 6th page he strives to give reasons why I betrayed him into prison, and would fain make the surprisal of the Phœnix to be the cause; for he says that two days after, I came on board with one of the Duke's captains, and told him the Duke wished to speak with him at Pisa. Now Thos. Dethick, a merchant here, was employed with me by the colonel on this message to him on 5 Dec., 5 days after the Phœnix was surprised; but he omits mentioning the other, that he might lay the cause of his imprisonment upon me, which must needs be so, because he was able to clear himself from having any hand in the surprisal, and therefore the Great Duke's displeasure must light upon Capt. Badiley and myself; and which way did Capt. Appleton's imprisonment take off the Great Duke's displeasure to either?

Capt. Badiley acknowledged the surprisal of the frigate to be his act, and I cleared Capt. Appleton before the Great Duke of having had any hand in it, and his Highness' letter to Parliament only blames him for consenting thereto.

Capt. Appleton being brought into this condition, he now taxes me and Capt. Wood for triumphing over his misery, though I used all possible means to prevent his imprisonment, and afterwards to get him cleared, continuing early and late, both in public and private, and never desisted until I understood the Great Duke had sent him to Porto Feraro, when I returned back to Leghorn.

Seeing the malice of this man extends even to the dead, I must justify Capt. Wood. He was a pious and discreet man, and very forward to serve his country, and often proffered his service to Capt. Appleton, to wait upon him with his ship whenever he would attempt the breaking through the enemy; once while we 3 were walking on the broad place, he so far urged it upon Appleton that he made him angry, and he asked what great matters he could do with his 30 guns and 30 men. Wood replied that he brought 45 men into port, besides what he had picked up since, and that Appleton's thus undervaluing him was a disparagement to him and his ship.

In page 7 he says I was the cause of the Great Duke's sending a courier to England to complain of his taking the frigate, and violating the sentinel; so that I, who a little before would not concur in recommending the Great Duke's letter against him, must now contrive the sending of a courier. The Great Duke's letter is still extant, and will show the true cause of his imprisonment, which was for violating the sentinel, and other insolencies; for the frigate was surprised some time before the action of the sentinel, and nothing was spoken of it; but the truth is the Sampson lay too near the Leopard, otherwise Capt. Appleton might have been sober aboard his own ship; for certainly it was no part of a sober man to call to

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Nov. 14. his own men on the forecastle to fire their muskets at the sentinel, of which I can produce good testimony, but it was well his men had more wit than he.

As for the 600 ducats which he says it was agreed at a council of war he should give, to have leave from the Duke to command the Leopard, I believe the council was held on board the Sampson when the riot was committed on the sentinel, but I was not present, nor ever heard of the business until I found it in his remonstrance.

In page 8 he says Capt. Badiley sent his lieutenant to him in the night, to know his readiness to come out with his squadron, it blowing so fresh off the shore that they could hardly keep their topsails aloft; but as Capt. Appleton had not the forecast, in so many months, to find an opportunity to get out of the Mould, so he had not the grace to accept of such a wholesome invitation from his commander. He says he had a consultation, and I being absent they dared not act; but whoever reads his remonstrance will never believe he bears any such respect to me, neither did any such umpirage belong to any officer, but to him, as chief commander of this squadron, whose judgment, as he was a seaman and soldier, ought to have guided him, he being best acquainted with the wind and weather, and having such an authentic warrant as the call of his chief commander. But seeing he let slip this occasion, which is not excusable, why did he not keep to his former result, on a letter from Capt. Badiley, not to stir with his squadron out of the Mould, until the enemy had engaged Badiley's squadron? and if the Dutch would not come out and fight him, then this squadron should lie still in the Mould until Badiley was come within musket shot of the enemy, where he lay in the road. All the commanders agreed to this at a full council, where I was present; and the morning of the fight, they promised due observance, wherein consisted all that was discernible for their safety, for then the enemy had been forced to have fought both our squadrons at once, and not have turned their whole fleet upon this.

A little after he says that I and the commanders agreed they should lose no more time, whereupon they slipped their cables. I stayed aboard the Leopard a long time after the departure of the other commanders, and as I was walking with Appleton upon the upper deck, Capt. Lynn called to him to know if he should go out; I again earnestly desired Capt. Appleton to remember what they had all agreed to, not to stir out of the Mould until the enemy had engaged Capt. Badiley, which he then again promised faithfully to observe, and I took my leave. No sooner was I ashore but Appleton was under sail, as if he had been greedy of his ruin, which was thereby unavoidable, for as soon as their ships' sterns were to the Mould, the whole Dutch fleet tacked back upon them; this was long forseen by Capt. Badiley, who laboured so much to prevent it, that he often repeated in his letters not to come out of the Mould until the enemy had engaged his squadron. Capt. Wood before his death acknowledged this error to be their utter ruin, and told me he called to Capt. Fisher, who was next ship to the Sampson, to speak to Capt. Seaman to speak to Capt. Appleton that the ships might forbear going out until their due time. Fisher replied, "you know

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Nov. 14. what manner of man Capt. Seaman is, that a man cannot speak to him." Nothing but sheer malice has set this man to traduce me, or why does he rake up any action of mine ashore that he thinks might be shaped into a misdemeanor? To what end else tends his telling you that I never owned nor sent to see him after his captivity, and that the men were starved going for Venice, and the publishing of Mr. Reding's letter?

The day after the fight I sent my kinsman, Jonathan Parker, aboard the Dutch Vice-Admiral, to visit Appleton, to condole his misfortune, and to know wherein I might serve him; he answered he wanted neither money nor anything, but only his liberty, which he desired me to endeavour. I sent Parker several times to the Dutch agent, and proffered him my bond for 10,000 dollars to give Appleton leave to come ashore, and go for Holland, and stay there until he was exchanged; but because he has forgotten all this, I have caused Parker to attest the truth thereof hereunder, with some other passages that may bring it to his remembrance. I also sent him refreshments of bread, wine, and flesh.

In page 11 he says that upon several securities to appear in Holland, they gave him leave to go. I with two other Englishmen, became bound in 12,000 dollars for his and the other captains' enlargement to go for Holland, and until we had finished this obligation before a public notary, none of them were suffered to come out of their ship. I enclose copies of these ungrateful captains' letters requesting me to stand bound for them, and thanking me for my readiness to do it, with copy of my bond for them; I have sent the originals to Capt. Badiley for your inspection.

As soon as the Dutch Vice-Admiral had received this bond, he sent the Captains ashore to the Lazaretto, whither I went with several Englishmen to visit them; and for requital, Capt. Seaman, in presence of 20 English and Italians, reviled me with all the scurrilous names imaginable; and when he could not reach me with his hands to take away my life, he took up stones and heaved them at me, so as to brain me, which he had done if I had not fled.

The Dutch turned ashore all the prisoners and wounded men, being 77, the next day after the fight. I had the State's former order, to see them carefully provided for, and I hired a house for a hospital, and bought and hired beds, &c. for them, and entertained all the English surgeons, besides a Frenchman, as the best in the town, and agreed with an English host for half a dollar a man a day, to provide them with victuals and broths. I bought them shifts and apparel, paid large bills to the apothecary, and was as provident for the State as I could be; I am sure the poor men wanted nothing, neither did I omit visiting them once a day at least to see them dressed, as also what else they and the surgeons needed.

As for the 300 sound men, having no direction from the State, I used my discretion, and entertained them all at the State's charge, lest they should put themselves into the enemies' service for want of a livelihood. To common men I gave a dollar and $\frac{1}{7}$ a day for

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Nov. 14. five, and to officers a dollar a day for three, which was to their full content.

I will not speak of the many troubles these occasions brought upon me, to the neglect of my own affairs, for my house was constantly blocked up by these poor men; and when they found me abroad, they would follow me by droves. I much pitied them, yet such people are commonly unreasonable; some would have money to carry them home overland; some wanted clothes; some would have one thing, and some another; and I, seeing that the ships entered into the State's service at Venice, and the Harry Bonadventure at Messina, all wanted men to carry them out, said that they should not be longer idle, but that some should go to Venice by land, and others to Messina by sea, to serve in the said ships, and that those who would not do either I would no longer entertain; to this they agreed, and those that went to Venice I recommended to Capt. Jonas Poole, who was sent thither to hasten out those ships, to see them embarked and sent them hence in companies of 20 and 12 two days distant one company from another, that they might find accommodation by the way.

I consulted with the officers of the Leopard how many days' pay were fitting to give them for this journey, as some seamen that came from Venice on foot to serve in these ships were but eight days on the way. I gave each man 12 days' pay besides a new shirt, and a dollar to buy hose and shoes, which was to all their content. Capt. Appleton would persuade you that some of them were starved by the way. If it was so, and if the folly of some men were such as to spend in three days what should serve them 12, was I to blame, who used all my skill to prevent disorder, by putting a whole company's pay into the hands of a sober man, whom the men themselves approved of? Capt. Poole, to whom these men were recommended by me at Venice, saw them embarked upon the several ships there.

For Mr. Reding's letter, which Capt. Appleton has put in print to cast infamy upon me, I have been injurious to myself in not acquainting you of the great affront Capt. Appleton put upon me at the Great Duke's court, and I appeal to you, why did Capt. Appleton sign and seal a commission to Mr. Reding to treat with the Great Duke in all matters concerning the State's ships under his command while I was present, who was your servant commissioned for that purpose, except to slight me? He tells you that I was desired by the merchants here to go to Florence with the commanders of the ships, to treat with the Great Duke about the safety of our goods, but this trust did not deprive me of my commission from the State, nor disable me for their service, for the one strengthened the other. Had Capt. Appleton told me of his commission to Mr. Reding, which he might have done, then lodging in my house, one of us would have stayed behind; for as soon as we came to Florence, Reding invited the commanders of the ships to leave me and go with him to Court, telling them he was empowered by Appleton to treat of all affairs that concerned the State or their ships, that my commission was out of date, and, that if I had any, it was to treat about merchants' affairs; and in this manner he represented me at the Great Duke's Court,

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Nov. 14. where I had a little before made some addresses, as your servant, in behalf of the said ships. Thus now I was suspected for an impostor, for as some of the Court said. "If you were what you pretended, a servant to the State, Capt. Appleton, who is a commmander of theirs, would not thus slight you, but acknowledge you for such, and not commission another for that service."

Thereupon I was necessitated to despatch a courier to Leghorn to fetch my commission to show the Great Duke, and wrote Capt. Appleton what had passed. He then made a revocation of Reding's commission by a public notary, and sent it to me, Reding having left for Leghorn. I showed it to the Great Duke, who laughed heartily and said, "What will you say if Reding returns in three days with another commission to revoke this revocation?" Thus Capt. Appleton made himself ridiculous.

Men fallen into errors by their own ignorance or rashness often lay the blame on others. Capt. Appleton had shown more wisdom in submitting to the hand of Providence than in falling to beating his fellow servants. He has heaped abuses on Capt. Badiley, whose integrity is so well known to you, and also his wisdom and courage in managing the late fight with the Dutch before Porto Longone, and in preserving so many rich ships, and his endeavours were 10 times more employed to save this unhappy squadron. I have been eye-witness of his care therein, besides those many dangers he escaped going to and fro between this place and Porto Longone, being waylaid by the enemy, who was greedy of his destruction, and sought all manner of ways to compass it, while Appleton never made a motion in 6 months to get out of the Mould, though Captains Wood and Marsh and Mr. Edge often urged him to take some opportunity to break out, and they would accompany him with their ships; yet nothing but discouragements came from him, and he even told Capt. Wood's men they would have no pay for their service, of which Wood complained to me. I confess my weakness in performing any acceptable service, yet what I acted was with integrity.

At my first perusal of the remonstrance, although I found myself so much abused, yet I pitied Appleton, and rather attributed it to his ignorance, because in the beginning he deals very candidly, and makes a handsome apology that no man, how much soever injured, could take any great exceptions to what followed, for he tells you plainly he had lost his journal, and spoke without book; however he would guess at the most material passages. But when I came to the close, I found it full of hypocrisy and malice, for he takes a deep oath that all he has said is true; and how many passages thereof I have clearly disproved I leave to you.

I could say much more, but less I could not say, to clear myself of those foul aspersions; yet what is behind is more than all the rest. Appleton has deprived me most maliciously of the only jewel and riches that I had in the world, my credit and good name. I have lived here a long time as a factor, and my fair and honest dealing, with the good repute I had amongst many worthy gentlemen and merchants in London, brought me employment, and thereby my

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Nov. 14. livelihood; but now, while I lie in the condition this man has set me, printed and posted up for a villain and a traitor, who will acknowledge or own me? This man has ruined me, and that by your umbrage and patronage, for his Remonstrance is directed to your Excellency and the Council of State, and printed by the Parliament's printer, which gives all countenance and authority to it.

I therefore beseech you that, if it appear to you that I am innocent of those foul crimes, you will give reparation to my credit in such a way as shall seem fitting, which will encourage me to go on cheerfully in performing my duty in the place. [13½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

142. I. *Deposition of Jonathan Parker. After the fight with the Dutch fleet, I went on board the Dutch Vice-Admiral, by order of Mr. Longland, to ascertain if Capt. Appleton wanted anything, when he stated he only wanted his liberty, and desired Longland would endeavour to obtain it. On my asking him how many men were slain on, board his ship in the engagement, he replied* 90 *or* 100, *although it was subsequently proved there were but* $\frac{1}{10}$*th of that number. Upon leaving that ship, I went on board the Maid of Enchuisen, where Capt. Marsh was a prisoner and then to the Pilgrim, where I found Capt. Wood mortally wounded. At his earnest desire I obtained leave for him to go on shore, and took him on shore, and thus was prevented from visiting Capt. Seaman, who was on board young Van Tromp.*

The next day I made several journeys, by desire of Mr. Longland, to Vanderstraten, the Dutch agent, and proffered Longland's security for the captains above named, if they might be allowed to come on shore during the day, and return on board at night, but it could not be agreed to until orders were received from Holland.—Leghorn, 14 *Nov.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

142. II. *Captains Hen. Appleton, Edm. Seaman, and Steven Marsh to Charles Longland. We beg you to treat for our liberty and to become bound for our appearance, as the fleet is to leave to-morrow.—Half Moon,* 16 *May.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

142. III. *The same to Longland. We thank you for your courteus answer. The commander of the fleet with whom you are to treat is gone ashore. We leave it to your discretion whether we are to remain here in Leghorn, appear in Holland till exchanged, or otherwise.—*16 *May.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

142. IV. *Bond of Chas. Longland, Geo. Northleigh, and Hen. Browne, English merchants in Leghorn, in* 5,000 *pieces of* 8, *for the appearance of Capt. Appleton, in* 4,000 *for Seaman, and in* 3,000 *for Marsh, in North Holland within* 2 *months.—Leghorn,* 20 *May* 1653. [1¾ *pages.*]

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142. v. *Deposition of Capt. Jonas Poole, that he embarked a number of men at Venice sent to him by Mr. Longland from Leghorn, and that they were well provided for in their journey from Leghorn to Venice, and expressed themselves satisfied.—Leghorn,* 14 *Nov.* 1653. [½ *page,*]

Nov. 14. Leghorn. **143.** Charles Longland to [Robt. Blackborne]. I wrote you 20 days since about the commands I had received as to redeeming the poor captives at Tripoli, but finding no vessel bound thither, I must freight a bark for this occasion, and send over a young man who has lived some time with me, the son of Jno. Goodwin, from whom I shall have a good account of the business, of which you shall be advised.

I am still thankful for your propounding to the Committee for a license to bring home 200 tons of currants in some foreign bottom in friendship with our State, and hope I shall have leave and a pass for the ship, that she may not be molested by any of ours in the channel.

A French ship passed this port last week, bound for Smyrna, having 300,000 dollars or pieces of 8; a Dutch man-of-war laid her aboard, as she rode at anchor in this port, and thought to have carried her, but the castles beat him off and out of the port, so that we are now clear of them. The seas are very full of rich merchant ships, French and Dutch, and I hope when the new frigates are launched some will be spared and sent this way, for the French begin to fall to their old trade again, having lately taken an English ship laden with currants. I much wonder at their insolence, while they have an Ambassador in England on a treaty of peace. The Dutch here make a great noise that the Highlanders in Scotland are up in arms, but we hope it is not true. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 14. Dover. **144.** Fras. Raworth to Edw. Marston. Although Mr. Cullen promised the Mayor to write touching the certainty of the payment of the harbour money, and the surveyors formerly wrote and spoke earnestly to him about it, yet notwithstanding he is one of the assistants, he has since refused to subscribe the writing signed by the others, and since sent up; I therefore desire you to acquaint Cullen what certainty there is of the payment of the money, so that he may write the Mayor and surveyors thereof, which may the more encourage me in the journey to town.

The news here is of war with the Dutch, but as you write nothing thereof, I do not believe it. On receipt of Mr. Cullen or Mr. Lieutenant's letter of the certainty of a receipt of the money, I will make my repair to London. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 14. Dover. **145.** Abraham Stock to Edw. Marston. I am much engaged to you and Mr. Cullen for your care in my business, but imagine Mr. Scobel forgot my papers by reason I had not given him a gratuity beforehand; notwithstanding the delay, I hope the business will be soon perfected, when I will come to London to thank my friends for their goodness. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 14. Dover. **146.** Rich. Ingle to Edw. Marston. Having written and received no answer, I again intreat you to demand the money due to me

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from the prizes taken when I was with Capt. Jas. Wood, as there are 11 shares besides plunderage. Mr. Parram in Crooked Lane, the next house to Fish Street, will assist you in the business. As in my former letters, so in this, I give you power to use all lawful means for its recovery, and after paying yourself all expenses, to pay my wife one moiety and send me the other. I have written you every post these 3 weeks, and having been sick, my want of money is great. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 15. **147.** Petition of [Sir] John Pershouse to the Council of State. On the late riot at Walsall, co. Stafford, the chief actors were sent for, the rest committed to prison, and prosecuted at the next sessions at Lichfield, when 2 bills of indictment were found, and other rioters committed to the county prison. The Council of State has since empowered some county gentlemen to re-examine the riot, which they have done, but not on oath, and hearing only the rioters and their adherents, not the witnesses against them. Both before and since the riot, has often offered to proceed to trial with the rioters, as to the right of common, and has tried to bring them to terms by persuasion, which they refuse, calumniate him, and threaten his estate. Begs that the testimony of the rioters, if not taken on oath, may not be valid. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 15. Reference thereon to Col. Barton and Mr. Bennet, appointed a Committee to consider of the papers returned concerning the late riot at or near Walsall, and report. [*I.* 72, *p.* 62.]

Nov. 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The state of the contract made last June between the Council of State and John Manley, for farming the office of postage of letters, to be drawn up by the secretary, and presented to Council.

2. To send to John Manley to pay in to Mr. Frost, for Council's contingencies, 2,500*l.*, which, in pursuance of his contract, he was obliged to pay in to the use above mentioned on 1st October last.

3. The business of the embargo to be considered to-morrow afternoon.

7. The letter from the Lieutenant of the Tower of this day, concerning the escape of Col. Phillips, referred to the Committee for Examinations, to examine the whole business and report.

9. Roberts, Wolsley, and Pickering to be a Committee to receive informations about Mr. Harding and to report.

10. Power given to the Committee of Council for [Examinations] to send for any persons in safe custody before them against whom they have information of doing anything prejudicial to the peace and safety of the State, and to issue warrants for searching for papers or writings of public concern, and for bringing the same before them, to be perused by them.

11. The papers from the agent of Hamburg, this day delivered, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

12. The letter from the justices of peace for co. Stafford with the

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examinations concerning the late riot at Walsall, referred to Col. Barton and Mr. Bennett, who are to peruse the same and report.

13. The petitions of the widows Turville and Hammond referred to the Admiralty Committee.

16. That of Katherine Boteler referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider and report.

17. That of Thos. Alderman referred to the Committee for Examinations.

18. That of Capt. Hen. Appleton referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to state the account mentioned, and report.

23. That of the participants in draining the level of Hatfield Chase referred to the Committee for Examinations.

26. Sir Chas. Wolsley to prepare and bring to Council a letter to tell the justices of peace for co. Oxford what Council is informed of about the disturbance given by * * * and his accomplices, to many well disposed people in their public meetings for the worship of God; to let them know that Parliament has especially committed it to Council to take care that no violence be offered to those who are assembled together to worship God according to the way of the Protestant religion; and to desire them therefore to proceed against such as give disturbance, according as the law has provided.

27. Council to sit to-morrow at 8 a.m.

28. The petition of several merchants in London trading into France referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 60–65.]

Nov. 15. Hamburg. **148.** Rich. Bradshaw to the President of the Council of State. The company of the James has come in, being forced to sell their clothes to buy food. I hope it is your only loss in the late tempests. The Dutch have suffered much at their own doors.

Since the war several companies of distressed seamen have come here for relief, some shipwrecked, some taken by the enemy. The English Company have hitherto supplied their wants at great charge, but as the burden becomes insupportable, they beg me to apply for relief for such as come hereafter, till they can be shipped. I will relieve the men of this frigate and such as hereafter come, on your order, if it cannot extend to all the poor English seamen in distress.

I wait your order about money, powder, shot, and masts. Also the answer I am to give this city about their merchant ships stayed in England. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

148. I.–III. *Certificates by Capt. Thos. Curvel and Peter Taken, land officer of the Duke of Holstein in the isle of Silat, of the wreck there of the James.*—4 *Nov.* 1653. [3 *papers.*]

Nov. 15. Portsmouth. **148*a*.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Admiralty Committee. Arrival and departure of ships. There are 20 Dutch and 30 French ships laden at Rouen, bound East with three convoys. It is

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reported by a letter to the Dutch agent that 14 Dutch ships have been cast away, amongst which were De Witt and all his company. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 15. Portsmouth. **149.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to Robt. Blackborne. Your intelligence of God's dealing with that poor nation [Scotland?] caused me joy that he blasted their proud design, and sorrow that they yet have not eyes to see. I trust we may be thankful for the Lord's appearances for us. I gave the Admiralty Committee an account of the confirmation of the news from France, and as to the port of Rouen. I want some ships sent as a guard off the Land's End, as two ships have been taken coming from Barbadoes, and the time is near for the arrival of the New England ships with the masts; also the order concerning the timber. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 15. Plymouth. **150.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Navy Commissioners. Despatch of ships' stores required. The Nonsuch has come in, having been much disabled in a scuffle with a Dutch man-of-war off the Lizard, in which her boatswain and trumpeter were slain, and her lieutenant, master, and chaplain wounded. There being two or three Dutch men-of-war near the Channel, the Assistance and other ships have gone to meet them. I have had much trouble with sick men out of the ships, and been constrained to quarter some of them in tippling houses and in the country; I have written Mr. Blackborne to move the Admiralty Committee to take a house for them, and appoint persons to look after them, and as it will be better for the poor men (who have no clothes), less charge to the State, hope you will second it. An order is wanted to the Prize Collectors to pay the money allowed for sick men to captains and clerks of the check. [2½ *pages.*]

Nov. 15. Dover. **151.** Andrew Yaxley to Edw. Marston. Pray give the bearer, Dan. Williams, a few lines as to what you have done in my business concerning the vessel I wrote about, as now there is a fit opportunity, there being many ships here lately condemned for the commonwealth. Let me also know if any commissions are granted, and if it is possible one may be obtained. The bearer has an attestation of my losses. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 16. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The several orders of Council concerning the commitment of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne to be transmitted to the counsel learned of this commonwealth.

2, 3. The Lieutenant of the Tower to attend the said counsel, to receive their directions about the return to be made upon the writ of *habeas corpus* for Lieut.-Col. Lilburne, and the said counsel to take care of the matter relating to the said writ.

4. The order of 25th July last, for permitting M. de Francats to export to Bordeaux 600 tuns of wheat, and to import the value thereof in French wines, to be declared null; the Commissioners of Customs to take notice hereof.

9. The petition of George Smith and others referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

10. To send Col. Duckenfield the letter to Lieut.-Col. Briscoe

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from Chester, and desire him to examine the matter, and send up the examinations with the person to Council, if he see cause.

11. All the members of Council who are of the Committee for Foreign Affairs, and are not of the Committee for managing the treaty with the Dutch, to meet as a Committee for Foreign Affairs, and to sit every morning for despatch of the matters depending before them by reference from Council, which are much pressed for by public ministers and agents, and to report.

12. The orders of Parliament, and the warrants of Council made for committing Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne to prison, to be transmitted to the Attorney-General and the rest of the counsel for the commonwealth, to improve them for the service of the State.

14. Col. Montague to continue Lord President of Council a fortnight longer.

15. The petition of Ant. Hobart referred to the Committee for Examinations.

16. The petition and paper of Quartermaster John Mills referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

17. Order,—on the letter from the Navy Commissioners for an additional allowance to Mary, relict of Richard Jenkins, master, and Margaret, relict of Richard Hodges, midshipman, of the Society, both slain at sea, that 35*l.* be paid to Mrs. Jenkins, and 20*l.* to Mrs. Hodges, each having 4 children.

18. Order on petition of Nich. Effard, setting forth his loss in having a ship of his taken and carried to Ostend, to recommend the case to the Spanish Ambassador, and desire him to use some effectual means whereby justice may be done the petitioner.

21. The petition of Wm. Graves of Margate, Kent, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to order that the ship therein mentioned be examined whether she be fit for a trading voyage, as suggested, or only for a man-of-war, and to certify the state of the said ship.

22. The like upon the petition of Capt. John Fewther.

23. The petition of Capt. Wm. Balthazar referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine the matter of fact, state, and report.

24. Dr. Walker to be assigned counsel for the Spanish Ambassador in the case of the wools arrested by Mr. Richaut, provided that Dr. Walker be not already entertained by Richaut.

25. Council having considered the letter from the General and Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland of 5th Oct. 1653, and the papers enclosed concerning the articles upon the surrender of Galloway, Col. Cromwell is to offer to Parliament their opinion that the articles on surrender of Galloway be confirmed only so far as the said Commissioners have, in their resolves and exceptions touching the same, dated at Dublin, 11th April 1652, consented and agreed to, and no further.

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That Council considers that the public faith is not herein violated, as Sir Charles Coote was not empowered to grant the said articles without consent of the said Commissioners; and Council presents to Parliament the said articles, and the resolves and exceptions of the Commissioners thereupon, that if Parliament think fit, their resolutions may be declared thereupon that the Commissioners of Parliament may direct all proceedings accordingly in relation thereunto. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 68–73.]

Nov. 16. Carlisle. **152.** Thos. Cholmley, Mayor, and 5 aldermen of Carlisle, to —— ———, their member? This corporation, of which you are a member, may suffer damage by the expected union of the 2 commonwealths. In case it be needful to move the enclosed petition in the House, acquaint some members with it, and take an opportune time for speedy relief. Send us an answer to what we wrote last post. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

152. I. *Thos. Cholmley, Mayor, and* 20 *aldermen and citizens of Carlisle, to the supreme authority of Parliament. 'Their corporation have for several centuries enjoyed Scotland toll, being* 1*d. a beast payable by both English and Scotch for four-footed goods brought thence, for which they pay a Crown rent of* 40*l., and this has been sold. In regard of the expected union betwixt England and Scotland, they fear they may be prejudiced herein, notwithstanding the rent they pay for that and other tolls, and beg their wonted immunity.* [1 *page.* 21 *signatures.*]

152. II. *Petition of Dorothy, widow of Capt. Man Dowson. Her husband was in service for Parliament all the wars, and lost his life in service in Scotland. He purchased of the Trustees for sale of Crown lands the toll of beasts imported or exported to or from Ireland or Scotland to Cumberland or Westmoreland, which was returned by the surveyors as distinct from tonnage and poundage, and he paid for it at the rate of* 60*l. a year, as appears by the deed of* 25 *July* 1650. *Her husband had to borrow the purchase money, and died a year after, leaving her much in debt. Begs not to be prejudiced in her purchase by the union of the commonwealths.* [¾ *page.*]

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1. Order, on petition of Edw. Wheatcroft and others in the Barmote Court against John * *, that another letter be written to the gentlemen in Derbyshire, to let them know that the former letter of Council was not to hinder any proceedings in the aforesaid court, but to take care that no interruption should be made therein by force or mutinies, and to that end they appointed some horse to keep the peace; and that the said gentlemen should signify the same to the steward of the court, that he may continue his sittings as formerly; likewise that the horse are not to be used in this

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business, but as Col. Sanders shall conceive there is need of them. Col. Barton and Mr. Bennet to prepare the letter.

2. **153.** The warrants to Leman and Blackwell to pay 32*l.* 19*s.* and 363*l.* 15*s.* to Jas. Powell, of Bristol, to be taken in, and new warrants issued to the present treasurers.

3. The petition and papers of Thos. Pascal referred to the Committee for Examinations.

4. Order, on petition of Alice Lady Philips, on behalf of the orphans of Capt. Wm. Parsons,—that the restraint laid on the Treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall may be taken off, and they permitted to receive the pension ordered them by the late Parliament, till a debt of 1,748*l.* 15*s.* due to Capt. Parsons was satisfied,—that the restraint be taken off in this particular, and that the Treasury pay Lady Philips the weekly pension.

5. The warrant of the late Council to pay to Capt. And. Ball, 50*l.* from Council's contingencies taken in, that account being shut up, and his executors to have a warrant for the sum from the present Council's contingencies.

6. The keys of the house of Arundel Castle to be delivered to Mr. Howard, the fortifications of the castle being demolished, and notice hereof to be given to Col. Whetham (to whom the care of the business was committed), that the keys may be delivered.

7. The petition of John Collier, factor in the St. John of Dieppe, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine and certify. *Annexing,*

154. *Report of the said judges that they have no original produced of the safe-conduct said to be granted, but if it were granted, it was procured in Jan.* 1653 *by Capt. Jas. Goubart from the then Council of State for the St. John to go to Cape de Verde, and return laden with hides and gum for merchants of Rouen and Dieppe; but the ship was taken off Dartmouth by the Elias, firing one gun before rendition. This is confessed though not urged by the captor. Doctors' Commons,* 22 *Nov.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

8. The petition and papers of John Neale and others referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine what the services were which they pretend they have done for the State, and whether they have not already been satisfied for the same, and if not, to report what should be done for them.

9. Sydenham and Howard appointed a Committee to consider the petitions and bills of Nath. Walter and Geo. Talby, who have furnished saddles, &c. to Ambassador Whitelock, and report.

10. The Commissioners for the management of secret intelligence to acquaint Amb. Whitelock from time to time with such intelligence as they judge fit for his knowledge.

11. **155.** Order, on report from the Admiralty Committee, that Jeffrey Dare be appointed commander of the Marie Rose.

12. **156.** Like order for Capt. Foot to be commander of the Malaga Merchant.

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13. The St. Anne of St. Sebastian, which belonged to the King of Spain, lately taken and brought into Plymouth, to be discharged, and permitted to proceed on her voyage, with all her tackle, lading, and furniture.

14. To write to the Spanish Ambassador what has been acted by the St. Anne of St. Sebastian upon some English vessels, by taking their goods from them, and to recommend him to see justice done to the persons from whom the goods were taken.

15. Sydenham, Rous, and Barton to be a Committee to consider on what ground the pension allowed to Mr. Sydenham, minister of Newcastle, was made, to examine what is due to him in arrear of his allowance, and report.

16. To write to Capt. Daniel Watson and Mr. Mainwaring that Council has thought fit to appoint John Flower minister of Ellaston, co. Stafford, and that he should, for officiating there, receive the profits of the living, and to desire them to take care that he may be put in possession thereof.

17. The petition of Capt. Stephen Marsh, late commander of the Levant Merchant, lost in the service in the Straits, to be made commander of one of the State's frigates, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do as they see cause, and to examine the losses sustained by the loss of his ship, and report.

18, 24. The desire of Lieut.-Col. White for ammunition for the regiment of Col. Goffe, and the petition of Alban Spencer, Governor of Walmer Castle, referred to the Ordnance Committee.

19. The petition of Saml. Bathurst, merchant of London, referred to the Committee for Examinations, to report.

20. That of Major Robert Yeamans and several others for letters for private men-of-war (being outward bound upon trading voyages) referred to the Committee for Customs, to inquire concerning the quality of the several ships, and the ports to which they are bound, and whether they are fitted for merchantmen or men-of-war, and to certify, that further order may be given.

22. **157.** The petition of John Lindsey referred to the Admiralty Committee.

23. To write to the Army Committee to allow the pay of the late officers of the garrison of Arundel Castle now slighted towards the entertainment of as many private soldiers as the pay will amount to, which have been taken on by the Governor of Portsmouth for increasing his own company, in pursuance of Council's order.

25. Col. Cromwell to represent to Parliament that of the moneys paid in for the composition of North Wales, there is an arrear undisposed of, out of which Council, in the interval of Parliament, ordered 200*l.* to be paid to Mary, relict of Major. John Burton, in part of 277*l.* lent by her husband to Sir Thos. Middleton for reducing North Wales, upon an ordinance of Parliament of 20 February 1644, and of the arrears of pay due to him as major of the regiment of horse under Sir Thos. Middleton. That Council finds that the present Army Committee is not authorised, as was the former Committee, to issue the moneys. Therefore they move Parliament to authorise the present Army Committee to issue the remainder of the said moneys,

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and in particular to order the paying thereout to Mrs. Burton of the said 200*l.*

26. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to make the same allowance to the 80 French prisoners lately taken by the ships of this commonwealth, and now at Rye, in order to their transportation to Dieppe, and for their subsistence until they can be sent over, as has been given to the Dutchmen that are prisoners. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 74–79.]

Nov. 17. The Swiftsure, Hope. **158.** Gen. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. I am glad that you have given orders for a speedy supply of my ships in the Hope, as also that others are ready to fall down: I hope the rest will be fitted out with all speed. I have appointed the Assistance and five others, with the two Dutch prizes, to ply between the Lizard and Scilly under Capt. Martin.

I am heartily sorry the Council of State has taken off the embargo, as it will hinder the manning of the great ships. I beg you to hasten down the captain of the Cock and Capt. Goodson. As Capt. Lane does not appear, I propose Capt. Jorden for the Triumph. [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. 17. Harwich. **159.** Major N. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. I am not fit to venture abroad, but am obliged to drive a backward and dull generation, void of reason and conscience. I hope to finish the repairs of ships next week, and that the Generals will not send here any more to be newly built, as some have been, the place not being fit for it. Although I much desire peace, I hope the talk of it will not damp preparations. The Assistance, Expedition, and Newcastle have fallen down the river, and others will follow. [1 *page.*]

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1. Mr. Anlaby to present to Parliament the petition of Mr. Lament, and acquaint them with his condition, that further order may be given therein; also to move Parliament that the Act made for the banishment of all persons of the Scottish nation, on penalty of high treason, may be repealed, upon the passing of the Bill for the Union.

2. The agent from Bremen to have audience at a Committee of Council at 4 p.m. next Monday; Fleming to give him notice.

3. The petition of Andrew Kirby, merchant of Bristol, referred to Admiralty Committee, to consider and report.

5. The petition of Nath. Goodlad and others recommended to the Committee for regulation of Customs.

6. Order on that of Peter and Jan Van Latham, subjects to the King of Spain, that Dr. Walker examine the matter and certify.

7. Order on a return from several justices of Norfolk about the difference between Mr. Shipdam and Congham, as to Blowfield living, and on a full hearing, that the business be dismissed.

9. Roberts, Cooper, and Major added to the Committee for the Mint.

10. **160.** The petition of Gilbert Keate and others referred to the Admiralty Committee.

11. To send to any 3 justices of peace for co. Somerset near Laverton what has been certified to Council from John Ash, concerning the difference between Mr. Thomson, minister of the said

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parish, and John Farwell, late incumbent, about possession of the parsonage house, and to desire them to send for both parties, examine the matter of fact, and if they find it to be as Mr. Ash certifies, to take care that Thomson may be put in possession of the parsonage as formerly.

12. To send to Mr. Craister, Chomley, and Briscoe, justices of peace for Cumberland, the complaint against * * * ; and desire them to send for the parties, and examine them, and to certify.

15. Mr. Howard to acquaint Parliament with the discovery made to Council of a fraud practised by Major Robert Thorpe, by making alterations in doubled bills at Drury House to very considerable sums, and to acquaint them with the manner of the practice, and what has been acknowledged by him, as also what order has been given for securing this person, that the whole business being before them, further order may be given.

16. The condition of Jane Cow, widow, to be recommended to the justices of peace for Southwark, to do for her as an object of charity, at their next meeting or sessions.

18. Order on petition of Jane Ensor, widow, that the restraint laid on the Treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall be taken off as to the payment of her pension, and that the treasurers proceed to pay it her according to the directions formerly granted for paying it at Haberdashers' Hall, with arrears. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 80–83.]

Nov. 18. Whitehall. **161.** Warrant of the Council of State to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, to forbear making payments out of their treasury, until 15,000*l.*, issued out of the moneys lately coined in the Tower, for paying the shares due to the officers and mariners employed in ships of war, for several vessels taken and brought in by them as prize, has been repaid. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 18. The Swiftsure, Hope. **162.** Gen. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. I have appointed the Laurel and two others to ply between Dungeness and Boulogne, and 4 others between the Dogger Bank and the Riff. I will commission Capt. Goodson to the George, and Capt. Jorden to the Triumph, and desire Capt. Hill may be removed into the Unicorn, Capt. Smith to the Worcester, and Capt. Allen to the Advice, and the Lieutenant of the Swiftsure to take command of the Princess Mary.

Although Jno. Poortmans has business enough, he will undertake to distribute the prize money, but pray let him suffice, and do not require me or my partner to sign the orders. The money must be sent at once, if you make proclamation as you intend.

Robert Plumby of the Sampson is fit for command of one of the frigates building at Shoreham. I do not think your order to the Ordnance officers to take security from gunners for stores practicable, as the gunners may be slain or die, and the stores be embezzled after their death; but care to put in honest men, and a declaration that any found guilty of embezzling shall suffer death, would meet the object. [2 *pages.*]

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1. The petition of Commissary-Gen. Reynolds to be presented to Parliament by Mr. Strickland or Ald. Tichborne.

2. The petition of Thos. Skelton referred to the Admiralty Committee.

3. The appointed Committee to give audience to M. de Bordeaux at 4 p.m. next Monday. Fleming to give him notice.

4. The Valentine to be substituted for the James, in a warrant to the Ambassador of Portugal to take up 20 casks of sugar free of custom and excise.

5. Order that the paper sent in from Thos. Manby, John Rushworth, and John Sparrow, be transmitted to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the whole business and report.

6. The business of disposing the fleet to present service to be considered next Tuesday afternoon, and the Admiralty Commissioners who are of Council and Gen. Blake to attend.

7. To write to Gen. Monk to send 8 or 10 frigates to ply betwixt the Flie and the Sound, appointing a good commander-in-chief; and to represent how serviceable the same may be, considering the intelligence received.

8, 10. The Lieutenant of the Tower to draw into the Tower all the great guns at Leadenhall and other places in and about London, receiving them from the Lord Mayor by an inventory. A letter to be written to the Lord Mayor to assist herein, and to cause the same to be delivered; expressing that this is not intended as a disrespect to the city, or to the prejudice thereof, but merely that the said guns may be better secured; Ald. Tichborne and Capt. Stone to represent the same to him.

9. The Lieutenant of the Tower to give a speedy account what quantity of powder remains at Goldsmiths' Hall, who claims a property therein, and how the same may be secured without prejudice to the interested.

16. Geoffrey Browne and Wm. Brent, 2 Popish lawyers, to be sent prisoners to Dublin, and delivered over, and proceeded against or acquitted, as their case shall be found to be.

17. Order on report from the Committee for Foreign Affairs on the petition of John Smith and others, concerning the Recovery, taken in the Straits by a French man-of-war and carried to Toulon, to request the public minister of France to procure the interested speedy justice, by restoring their ship and goods, which the Council will be ready to answer with reciprocal favour, upon any address by him made in that behalf.

18. The report from the Committee for Foreign Affairs on the petition of Peter de la Ball, concerning the Louisa and Hunter, taken by some of the Parliament ships and carried into Yarmouth, on their way from Greenland to Havre de Grace, referred back to the said Committee, to examine whether the ships had special passes from Council for the said voyage; and for their better information therein, to call Mr. Thurloe, and if they shall find them to have had free passes, and see no other cause to the contrary, to release the said ships. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 85–88.]

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Nov. 19. Jersey. **163.** Chas. Marett to the Council of State. Thanks for the employment you have bestowed on me. I have paid, as ordered by the late Council of State, to Capt. Hen. Hatsell 1,800*l.* On the 16th I received your order of 18 June 1653, to pay 55*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* to Major Wm. Harding for repairs to Montorgueil Castle; also 148*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* to Mich. Lemprière, bailiff, for salary for two years, and have paid them, as also 100*l.* for repairs to the Court hall, water-mills, and houses belonging to the State, which I hope you will allow on my account. You bid me issue nothing but by your order. Pray appoint 500*l.* to be drawn upon me, and tell me to whom I shall pay what I receive in future. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 19. The Swiftsure. **164.** Warrant by Gen. Monk to Capts. Rich. Potter of the Constant Warwick, Phil. Holland of the Assurance, and Jas. Ableson of the Mermaid. As a considerable part of the Dutch fleet which lay before the Texel has been much damaged, and made unserviceable through storms, it has been thought necessary to send three or four frigates to annoy the enemy thereabouts. You are therefore to sail in company, and ply between the Dogger Bank and the Riff, to intercept all such Dutch merchants as may come from the East country, laden with hemp, masts, pitch, and tar, and observe directions from Capt. Nath. Cobham of the Newcastle until further order. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Nov. 20. Harwich. **165.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I hear there are many Dogger pinks fishing for cod off Yarmouth and Lowestoft, which is not to our reputation, but I have no power to interrupt them; a nimble vessel should be stationed on the coast to secure the small trade, annoy the enemy, and gain intelligence. There are several at Colchester that would be useful.

The three mariners of the Assurance committed to Landguard Fort for mutiny are very tame now, and have nearly a year's wages due, but one is a villain, having embezzled iron work and ropes out of the ship. Several ships are nearly fitted, but want men and stores. I hope soon to come home, but I will leave a mast-maker and two or three men to convert the trees to the best advantage.

If the Hollander do not prove honester in his desire of peace, this place should be considered hereafter. [1⅔ *pages.*]

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1. Col. Jones to present to Parliament the warrant by which John Streeter was committed by Council to the Gatehouse, and the printed papers for publishing which he stands committed; and to acquaint Parliament with the proceedings in the Court of Upper Bench in order to his release, that the whole matter being before them, such further order may be given as they judge fit.

2. The petition of Richard Nethwaies referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

3. **166.** On report from the Admiralty Commissioners, Capt. Henry Southwood approved of to be commander of the Middleburg,

4. The Admiralty Judges to proceed with all speed according to law, in the trial of the ship lately brought into Plymouth by the Richard and Martha.

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5. The petition of George Villa referred to Mr. Sadler and Col. Barton, to examine and report.

7. So much of the report by the Ordnance Committee as relates to the repair of the Waterhouse in Landguard Fort, to make it serviceable for watering ships, to be returned to the said Committee, who are to confer with the Admiralty Committee, and advise whether the work will be of use to the watering of the fleet, and report.

8. 22. **167, 168.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners in the case of Wm. Curtis, commander of the William,—that some allowance ought to be given him in consideration of his shipping a cable and anchor by command of Gen. Monk, the General's ship being adrift upon him ;—that the Admiralty Committee consider what should be allowed him therefor, and report. *Annexing,*

169. *Report of the Admiralty Committee alluded to,* 21 *Nov.* [½ *page*]

9. The petition of Oliver Williams concerning a commission for a private man-of-war to be laid aside.

10. The business of Scotland to be considered to-morrow afternoon.

11. The report from the Irish and Scotch Committee in the case of John Waterton, craving allowance for a ship of his which was taken by the enemy, being freighted in the service of the State, to be laid aside.

12. The Lieutenant of the Tower not to bring Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne to the Bar of the Upper Bench without further order from Parliament or Council.

14. The petition of Mr. Manley to be reported to Parliament by Col. Cromwell, with Council's opinion that something be speedily done for securing Thorp's estate, in order to satisfaction of the commonwealth and other just debts.

15, 16. The messengers' salaries and bills to be paid to the last quarter day, the bills being examined by Mr. Jessop; and also Robert Tatnall's salary.

17. The paper of the agent for Hamburg referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, who are to make an early report, and the ships left to the course of justice.

18. The paper of Mr. Bonnel, minister of Sweden, of Nov. 21, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

19. Strickland, Tichborne, Dr. Godard, and Rous, to be a Committee to receive M. de Bordeaux's proposition.

20. Order on the letter from Gen. Monk of 20th Nov., that besides the 4 already ordered, 2 more of the frigates at Harwich of convenient force be sent to ply between the Doggerbank and the Riff.

21. M. de Bordeaux's paper to be considered next Wednesday, and Fleming to let him know he may have audience if he desire it. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 89–93.]

Nov. 21. Leghorn. Chas. Longland to the Committee for redemption of Captives and regulating Customs. I received yours of 14 Oct., and in my former letters, I told you I intended to freight a bark and send her over

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with a man to treat with the Bashaw about the English captives at Tripoli. I have agreed with him, reduced him to the moderate terms you limited, and bound him as fast as I can, to stand to it; upon the return of the bark, I will give you a full account, and draw the money upon you, except you sent over a bark and the money to bring over the poor men. For want of one here, I have now hired one at Genoa for 1,000 dollars to go to Tripoli and back; if either Jews or others will send any goods coming or going, it will help to defray the charge of the bark. I must send the Bashaw presents to the value of 60 or 80 dollars, so as to get better access.

You desired 5 men named should be the first to be redeemed, and in your last another; but seeing you intended all should be redeemed, picking out some before the rest will bring a double charge; for taking officers and men one with the other, they may be bought off at 200 dollars a man, and if I should only demand these 6 men you name, I believe they would not be got under 100*l.* per man. Abraham Rogers has cut his own ransom there at 400 dollars, and you will see by the enclosed list that half of the men are officers, so that if you can get them for 200 I shall esteem it very reasonable.

All care shall be had to manage the business with frugality, although there will be other large charges besides the ransoms before they get to England, except some shipping come out whereon they may be embarked. [1 *page. With letter of* 6 *Dec.* 1653.]

Nov. 22. Act for establishing a High Court of Justice for preservation of peace, and timely punishing of actors against it, appointing John Lisle, Commissioner of the Great Seal, Serjeant John Bradshaw, and 31 others, commissioners for hearing and punishing all offenders against the Act of 30 Jan. 1649, forbidding the proclaiming of any person to be King of England or Ireland or the dominions thereof; the Acts of 14 May and 17 July 1649, declaring what offences shall be adjudged treason; and the Act of 22 Jan. 1651, entitled an Act for a seal of the Parliament of the commonwealth. They are also to proceed against any persons plotting to betray cities, forts, magazines, or ships, who are to be punished with death.

The Commissioners are to sit in the great hall at Westminster or elsewhere, the place to be appointed and notified by proclamation, adjourning as they think fit, examining on oath, and thereupon, or in default of answer, proceeding to final sentence, and appointing needful officers for execution thereof. All mayors, justices, officers, and soldiers, &c. to be assisting. The Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal are to administer an oath to them to execute their powers well and truly.

This Act is not to diminish the power given to the Lord General or his council of war, or the Generals at sea. It is to continue till 1 Aug. 1654, and no longer. [6 *pages, printed.*] *Annexing,*

1. *Act prohibiting any person to proclaim or promote as King Charles, commonly called the Prince of Wales, son of the late Charles Stuart (executed for treason, tyranny, and murder), without the free consent first had of the people in*

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Parliament, signified by a particular Act, under penalty of death as a traitor; all officers and well-affected persons to apprehend such offenders and bring them before the next justice of peace. 30 *January* 1649. [1½ *pages.*]

II. *Act declaring what offences shall be adjudged treason, viz.:—The writing, printing, or openly declaring that the government by Parliament without a King is tyrannical, usurped, or unlawful, and that the Commons are not the supreme authority. The plotting or contriving against the Government, the Commissioners of the Great Seal, as keepers of the liberties of England, or the Council of State. The withdrawing the soldiers in Lord Fairfax's army from their allegiance. The plotting invasion by foreigners, or the counterfeiting the Great Seal. All indictments to be within a year of the offences committed.* 14 *May* 1649. [2½ *pages.*]

III. *Act to like effect, adding to the offences to be accounted treason:—The counterfeiting or clipping of coin, and the bringing in counterfeit coin, the penalty therefor is to be death and forfeiture as in cases of high treason, but not to extend to corruption of blood of the heirs of the offender, nor to forfeit the dower of the wife.* 17 *July* 1649. [4 *pages.*]

IV. *Act for a seal of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of England, to be engraved with the arms of England, a cross and a harp, and all counterfeiting thereof to be high treason.* 22 *Jan.* 1651. [1 *page. All in the collection of Acts, Vol. I., No.* 77, *Record Office Library.*]

Nov. 22. Act for disafforestation, sale, and improvement of the forests late belonging to the King, Queen, or Prince.

The maintenance of liberty and honour requiring large sums of money, all the lands that belonged to the Crown in 1635 are vested in Edw. Cresset, Wm. Webb, Josias Berners, John Parker, Hen. Pitt, Rob. Aldworth, and Fras. Mussenden, as trustees, to be held as of the manor of East Greenwich, with power to enclose them, and directions for their inclosure, respecting the rights of commons. The remaining parts of the forests to be sold, regard being had to claims on them by patents; timber fit for the navy to be preserved, spoils and encroachments prevented, and estates to be surveyed before sale. Oath to be taken by the surveyors. Instructions for them.

Surveyors and officers to be called to account if negligent. Stewards of manors to be appointed.

Oath to be taken by the trustees. Powers given them to treat with purchasers. Instructions to them.

Ralph Hall appointed registrar, surveyor-general, and keeper of surveys, salary 100*l.* a year. Instructions for him. Oath to be given him.

400,000*l.* to be borrowed for the navy on security of these lands.

All holders of public faith bills, &c. may double them on this Act;—thus, any to whom 100*l.* is due and 40*l.* interest, by paying 140*l.* more, may have 280*l.* secured thereon; the trustees to publish the times when they will receive such bills for doubling.

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Instructions for Wm. Benson, appointed registrar-accountant. Also for Chas. Doyly and Mat. Sheppard, appointed treasurers.

The doubling money to be paid within 20 days. Any persons doubling on fraudulent bills to forfeit treble the money; $\frac{1}{2}$ the fine to go to the discoverer. Further regulations for Government creditors.

As 276,146*l.* has been allowed by Parliament as a public faith debt to Sir John Jacob, Sir Job Harby, Sir Nich. Crisp, and Sir John Harrison, late farmers of Customs, on condition of their advancing the like sum, if 100,000*l.* thereof be paid by 1 Jan., 100,000*l.* more shall be allowed as a public faith debt, and in like manner for the remainder, if paid before 1 May next. Further regulations thereon.

No part of the premises to be liable to tax for 3 years. All purchasers not paying their money in due time to forfeit $\frac{1}{3}$ of their contract money, and the lands to be sold again.

Each of the treasurers to have 300*l.* a year, and 100*l.* for managing the 400,000*l.* loan, and the registrar-accountant in like manner 150*l.* and 50*l.*

No trustees nor officers nor any for them to purchase any part of the premises.

12*d.* in the pound to be laid aside for expenses in carrying on the work.

This Act not to interfere with the Act for sale of the lands of the King, Queen, and Prince, nor to include Needwood Forest and Chase, Kingswood Chase, Lancaster great park, Sherwood Forest, Forest of Dean, or New Forest.

No greater sum than the 400,000*l.* to be secured on the premises in this Act till that sum and the moneys doubled thereon be paid. All moneys to be paid before 2 May next. Joachim Mathews and John Brewster to retain an acre of ground in Waltham Forest granted them for a meeting house, and Mathias, son of Valentine Davies, lands value 100*l.* [58 *pages, printed. Vol. I., No.* 78, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

Nov. 22. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The business of the fleet to be considered to-morrow afternoon.

2. Col. Bingham and Mr. Bennet to desire Mr. Moyer from Council to hasten the report which, by order from the late Council, is to be made by him to Parliament, concerning the settling the government of Jersey.

3. The Committee for Examinations to send for Col. Slingsby, a prisoner in the Tower, examine him, and report what they judge fit to be done further with him.

4. The petition of John Browne, merchant, to be laid aside, his desire being contrary to an Act of Parliament.

5. Order on petition of Thos. Alderman, and on report from the Committee for Examinations on a reference to them,—that Alderman may be a material witness for making out the goods in the Prophet Elias to be prize (as by a copy of his testimony annexed may appear),—that this be signified to the Admiralty Judges, that notice may be taken thereof by them as there shall be occasion.

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6. The petition of Rich. Crandley, Alex. Bence, Rich. Shute, and others, merchants of London, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

7. The petition of Thos. Fisher, and paper containing the order of Council concerning the defraying of the disbursements made by Col. Sexby, being employed upon a public service, referred to the Committee for Examinations, to report.

8. The petition of Thos. Allen, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, referred to the Committee for Examinations, who are to examine him concerning his former actings against the commonwealth, and his present condition and abode, and to report what they judge fit to be done with him.

9. To order the Governor of Dover Castle to stay the Fortune until her captain, Capt. Finch, appear before the Irish and Scotch Committee, to answer matters objected against him.

10. The petition of Richard Paxford referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

11. That of George Gill, on behalf of the merchants of York, Hull, and Leeds, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

12. That of Rich. Westcombe, merchant of London, and Thos. Pitts, merchant of Exeter, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

13. Order that the paper given in from the deputies of the United Provinces, dated this day, be referred to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and Major-Gen. Downing, to report. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 95–97.]

Nov. 22. Harwich. **171.** Major N. Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I have received news from Gen. Monk of the damage done to the Dutch fleet in the late storm, on which he has issued orders to the Newcastle and three other ships to ply between the Dogger and the Riff, to intercept them in the Sound. Two shall sail to-morrow; one is out already, but I have sent to stop her; the other cannot be ready for a week. As the ships in harbour are nearly completed, I hope I may repair homewards next week, as I and my family are not well. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 23. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that as Lieut.-Col. Lilburne was committed to the Tower by order of Parliament for the peace of the nation, the Lieutenant of the Tower do not bring him before the Bar of the Upper Bench without order of Parliament or Council, and that he acquaint the said Court with this order.

2. Commissary-Gen. Whalley to order the Portuguese who were apprehended last night for committing a murder in the New Exchange to be carried before the Chief Justice of the Upper Bench, to be proceeded against according to justice, and to take care that the witnesses of the murder and of the other carriage of the said Portuguese be ready to give their testimonies before the Chief Justice.

3. Capt. John Clarke, Deputy-Governor of Guernsey, and Lieut. Rich. Wynn to be joined to the States of the Island, to examine the

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business contained in the petition of Eleazar and James le Merchant, and Thos. Carew, inhabitants of the Island, and to be empowered to hear and examine both parties, and to determine the difference.

5. The petition of George Crapnell, captain of the Merlin frigate late in the service, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to examine and report.

6. **172.** Order on what has been represented concerning the deportment of the soldiery at the house of the Portuguese Ambassador last night, on occasion of the murder and violence committed by some of the Ambassador's people at the New Exchange, that the Committee for Foreign Affairs consider the paper presented by the Portuguese Ambassador, examine into the said murder and violence, as to the breach of privilege of the Ambassador of which he complains, send for any persons who can give information, examine them, and report. Mr. Sadler to take care of the business and hasten the report.

7. The 15,000*l.* lately ordered by Council to be paid by the Lieutenant of the Tower to the Generals of the fleet to be paid to John Poortmans, deputy treasurer to the fleet.

8. The letter from Council directed to Col. Duckenfield as Governor of Chester to be now directed to Capt. * * * as Governor there.

10. The petition of Jas. Taswell referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to examine and report.

11. That of Sir Peter Richaut's sons referred to the said Committee.

12. That of Eliz. Stocker, widow, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to do for her as is usual.

13. The letter from the Mayor of Norwich of 21 November, concerning the keeping of Dutch prisoners there, referred to the Committee for Prisoners.

14. The Lord General, Desborow, Lord Lisle, Howard, Pickering, Col. Cromwell, and Wolsley to be a Committee to confer with Major-Gen. Lambert and such other army officers as they think fit, on the state of affairs in Scotland, and to report what they judge fit to be done in reference to those affairs for the future.

15. The keeper of the Gatehouse to attend Council to-morrow afternoon.

17. The letter received this day from M. de Bordeaux referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 100–104.]

Nov. 24. Act for an assessment at the rate of 120,000*l.* a month, from 25 December 1653 to 24 June 1654, towards maintaining the army and navy, assigning the sums to be raised by the respective counties and towns, and appointing Commissioners for each. [77 *pages, printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. I., Nos.* 79, 80, *Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

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1. Major, Roberts, and Barton to be a Committee to abbreviate the return made to Council on Mr. Rivett's business, and to report.

3. Note that 2 warrants brought in from the Secret Committee were signed by the President.

4. Sir Chas. Wolsley to present to Parliament the petition of John Machon, sometime master of Christ's Hospital of Sherborne, co. Durham.

5. The paper from the Ambassador from the King of Portugal, this day given in, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

6. The instrument prepared for the Duke of Holstein and now read, approved, and Mr. Lambert to present it to Parliament for their approbation.

7. To send to Thos. Wells, Rich. Aylworth, John Batch, Thos. Surman, and John Barman, the petition presented from the church of Christ at Winchcombe, co. Gloucester, and to desire them to take examinations in writing of the matter complained of, and certify with speed.

8. The petition of Wm. Bulkely, merchant of London, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to examine and certify.

9. Order on petition of Wm. Palmer of St. Malo,—that the proceedings in the Admiralty Court against the St. John of Grace and the Three Kings may be stopped for some time,—that the Admiralty Judges forbear further proceedings against those ships for 10 days.

10. Sir Thos. Widdrington and Mr. Attorney-General to attend Council at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

11. The keeper of the Gatehouse to attend at 8 a.m to-morrow, and bring the return which he made yesterday to the Court of Upper Bench, in relation to the commitment of John Streeter to his custody.

12. To write to Zachary Babington, Thos. Minns, and — Brindley, justices of peace for co. Stafford, that Council has received their account of their inquisitions on the riot at Walsall, and thinks that the rioters should be proceeded against according to law and the demerit of their offences; and that they have given order for securing Thos. Burrows and Thos. Cumberlatch, the principal actors.

13. Thos. Burrows and Thos. Cumberlatch, 2 of the principal offenders in the riot at Walsall, to be detained in the place where they are now in custody, till further order.

14. The Committee for Prisoners to certify to Council what number of Dutch prisoners are by contract to be transported to Holland, by the ship now to go thither for the transport of prisoners.

19. Order on a paper and remonstrance presented to Council by Benj. Bonnel, Commissary of Sweden, of 23 Nov.,—containing complaints of several Swedish subjects about the miscarriage of some private men-of-war, and in particular the Great Christopher, and against Swayne, captain of a privateer, set out by Chelston;—that

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the complaint against Swayne be transmitted to Dr. Walker, advocate for the commonwealth, and that he give Council an account of the state of the case as it stands before the Admiralty, and of what security was given by Chelston or any others in the Admiralty Court on granting the commission for the privateer, and cause the same to be put in suit, that the parties wronged may have restitution. He is to be careful to give in to Council a correct account of the proceedings, the honour and justice of the commonwealth being much concerned therein.

21. **173.** A warrant to be issued to pay from Council's contingencies 160*l.* to Commissary Wm. Dobbins, for self and clerks, for 206 days, ending 25 July, 1653, for shipping provisions for Scotland and Ireland, and to allow him 10*s.* a day from 26 July last, for as long as they employ him. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 106–111.]

Nov. 24. Council of State to Mr. Beale, auditor of imprests. On consideration of a report from the Admiralty Commissioners of 6 September last touching 3,500*l.* charged on Gen. Blake, as imprested on bills of exchange for the fleet at Lisbon, no part of which came to Blake's hands, we think fit that he should be discharged thereof. This you are to do, and to deliver up the bills of exchange. [*I.* 72, *p.* 105.]

Nov. 24. Council of State to the officers of the several ports. A complaint has been presented that Capt. Swayne, of the Prosperous privateer, has committed several misdemeanors on the ships and goods of subjects of Sweden. In order to bring him to justice, you are, in case the ship arrives in your port, or any of its members, to repair on board with assistance, search for and apprehend him, and send him up to Council to be proceeded against. You are also to stay the vessel till further orders. All officers, civil and military, to assist you. [*I.* 72, *p.* 112.]

Nov. 24. Council of State to the officers of the ports. There has been murder and violence committed by persons belonging to the Ambassador of Portugal. You are, therefore, to be vigilant that no Portuguese pass your port or its members; and in case any one suspected to be such attempt to pass, you are to apprehend and examine him, send up his name and description, and keep him in custody till further order. To this end you are to have a strict scrutiny upon all persons endeavouring a passage from your port. [*I.* 72, *p.* 112.]

Nov. 25. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Ordnance Committee to report the account of what is due to the labourers in the Tower, that some further order may be given to pay them what is due.

2. The Lieutenant of the Tower to build a shed there, for keeping of the guns brought thither from the city; the charge of the building to be defrayed by the State.

3 Sir Chas. Wolsley to report to Parliament the declaration prepared by Council to be sent from Parliament to the Duke of Holstein.

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Nov. 25. 4. The letter now ready to be sent to the Cantons of Switzerland to be delivered to the agent for Switzerland by Fleming.

5. The order of Council of 1st July last, for continuation of Thos. Porter, minister of Whitchurch, co. Salop, till further order, to be now taken off, and the justices of peace and all others concerned to take notice hereof.

7. The letter from James Freeze to the Lord General referred to the Committee for Examinations, to consider what is propounded, and report.

8. The petition of Col. John White referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report.

9. Major-Gen. Desborow added to the Ordnance Committee.

10. Sir Gilbert Pickering and Mr. Strickland to be a Committee to speak with Sir John Cochrane, receive what he has to offer, and report. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 113, 114.]

Nov. 25. Whitehall. Council of State to Wm. Finch, commander of a privateer, and others concerned. On a complaint of merchants of London trading to France, that Finch has seized the Providence, laden with their goods and bound for Dieppe, Council has ordered that the ship be released, and allowed to proceed on her voyage, 3 of the principal merchants giving security to the Admiralty Judges to answer any complaint or action thereon. You are therefore to discharge the ship, her officers, mariners, &c., and allow her to proceed on her voyage. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 87, 116.]

Nov. 25. Ipswich. **174.** Major N. Bourne to Rob. Blackborne. I have been to Woodbridge to see to the launching of the two frigates, and to-morrow will go to Harwich. I know nothing of Mr. Barnes, or of any money he has received here, but the Navy Commissioners have an account of all moneys imprested by me here.

I have often asked leave to come to town, but the Commissioners say nothing. I am tender of doing it without their allowance. Pray tell me what they say, for I am out of frame, and want to come as soon as possible. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 26. **175.** Petition of Hump. Cole, surgeon, to the Council of State, for allowance for his charges and pains in going to Yarmouth by order of Col. Goffe, to the assistance of the wounded men sent on shore there after the last engagement with the Dutch; received 10*s.* a day for the time he was there, but did not send in his six days' travelling expenses, hearing that those charges would be allowed separately, but the Navy Commissioners refuse them; has lately cured a poor man accidentally wounded when the seamen came in a mutinous manner to Whitehall. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. **176, 177.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and note that they think the 10*s.* a day sufficient payment. [2 *copies. Also I.* 72, *p.* 119.]

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1. The petition of Mich. Oldsworth, for custody of the records belonging to the Registry of the Prerogative court, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider and report, with their opinions whether they find, by any order of Council, anything done to the prejudice of the title which Oldsworth pretends to the said Registry.

3. The Irish and Scotch Committee to treat with the Venetian secretary about the number of Irish desired for the service of Venice, and about the other matters mentioned in the report from the above Committee.

4. Major Gen. Desborow to report to Parliament the establishment prepared for paying the garrison at Portsmouth.

5. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to consider what quantity of wine should be granted the Swiss agent, to be imported free of custom and excise.

6, 7. The papers this day reported from the Committee for Foreign Affairs, for the Venetian secretary concerning the Concord, and for the agent from Genoa approved, and to be signed and sent.

8. The Committee for Foreign Affairs to be desired speedily to report the fact concerning the demanding the Portuguese Ambassador's people out of his house, on occasion of the murder lately committed by them on the Exchange.

9. The petition of the merchants trading to France referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

10. The Irish and Scotch Committee to consider of a fit person to be Governor of Virginia, advising with Col. Mathews, and reporting the name to Council.

11, 12. The petitions of Wm. Goodlad, and of Zenoby Bell, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do as is usual.

14. To move Parliament to consider what custom shall be paid for every horse transported to Barbadoes.

15. Mr. Strickland to report to Parliament the petition of Margaret Countess of Worcester.

18. The letter and paper from the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland of 28 September referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

19. Order on petition of Maurice Gardner, merchant of London, that he prove in the Admiralty Court what is alleged in his petition, and produce the same to Council certified from the said Court, that Council may give further order.

20. To send the Committee for Inspection into the Treasuries the certificate given in by Thos. Manby, John Rushworth, and John Sparrow, concerning the accounts taken of the profits of the office for Probate of Wills, and to desire them to examine the same, and if they see cause, to acquaint Council with what they find. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 117–119.]

Nov. 26. Doctors' Commons. **178.** Report of the Admiralty Judges, in the case of 16 Hamburg ships taken by vessels in the service, that they were joined in sailing by two Dutch men-of-war, who chased an English privateer, and were in turn attacked by the Elizabeth, but the Hamburghers kept

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close by the Dutch ships, and did not put out their own colours, and thus lost the rights of neutrality; but this was by the error of the masters, and no fault of the owners, nor of the Senate of Hamburg, and therefore the Judges have not decided the case, but refer it to Council. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 26. Newport. **179.** Peter Dolman to Ralph Parker, at the Prince of Orange's house, Flushing. I received yours with the taste of the English cheese, and as I suppose it will improve with age, send 5 cwt. by the first and safest passage, at the price you name, or less if you can procure it, and it will not be amiss if you can agree with the skipper about the freight. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 28. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1, 12. The petitions of Mary Appleton, and of Marg. Shoare, widows, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do for them as is usual.

2. That of Dr. Aaron Gourdain, master and worker of the Mint, referred to the Mint Committee, to state his account and certify it to Council.

3. That of the owners and freighters of the Allepeene referred to the Generals of the fleet.

4, 5. Those of Capt. Wm. Sumner with the papers, and of John Hodder, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to state the matter of fact, and certify.

6. The petition of Geoffrey Brown, prisoner in the Gatehouse, referred to the said Committee.

7. That of Capt. Vaux referred to the Committe for Examinations, to state the account of what is due to him in arrear of his salary, and report.

8. Col. James added to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

9. The petition of Capt. Swynfin referred to Col. Barton and Mr. Bennett, to state the account and report.

10. **180.** That of Antonio Ferdinando Caravajal referred to the Admiralty Committee, to examine the matter alleged, and if they find it as offered, to report what they judge fit to be done.

13. **180.** The petition of John Lane referred to the Admiralty Committee, to examine the matter, and if they find it true, to order the debt claimed by him to be satisfied.

15. The petition of Dorothy Grey, widow, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

16. The paper this day given in from the Hamburg agent referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, and they to be desired to hasten their report on the business.

17. Order, on a letter from the Commissioners for the Sale of Prize Goods,—requesting that 150*l.* be paid to Nicholas Herbert and Rich. Kilsick, in lieu of a prize vessel ordered by Council to be delivered them in consideration of their loss of a vessel impressed into the service,—that the former order of Council in this case be continued, and observed by the Commissioners for the Sale of Dutch Prizes, as soon as opportunity shall offer.

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18. The petition of Mary Lewis, widow, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to allow her 10*l.* more for her maintenance.

19. The petition of Henry Wilky and John Denholme merchant of Edinburgh, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to state the fact and certify.

20. Order, on petition of the well-affected in Upminster parish in Essex, that John Halke be appointed their minister, and receive the profits thereof.

21. The petition of ——— recommended to the Committee for Inspection, to learn if the debt claimed be due, and report.

23. To desire the Commissioners of Parliament in Ireland to acquaint Council with the state of Sir John Cochrane's case, as to the lands which he claims in Ireland as his lady's inheritance, and meantime to do for her therein according to justice.

24. The business of Scotland to be considered next Wednesday.

25. Hen. Lawrence having been appointed by Council keeper of the library at James' House, and to take all things belonging to it under his special charge, Mr. Cockayne is to bring to Lawrence on Wednesday next the keys of the library, and deliver him all catalogues and books containing an account of it, whether it be of books, medals, or other things in anywise relating thereto.

26. Sydenham, Jones, Lawrence, Cooper, Wolsley, Strickland, and Tichborne to be a Committee to further consider the Act this day offered to Council, concerning declaring what shall be treason, and to report.

29. The Committee for Examinations to send for Col. Slingsby, and to peruse the examinations already taken of or about him, and further examine him, if they see cause; also if they see fit, to take bail for him, and dismiss him from restraint.

30. Order on petition of Ed. Bew and others, complaining of depredations by Capt. Finch, commander of a private man-of-war, that the commission granted to Finch to command a privateer be called in, and so much be signified to the Admiralty Judges, that it may be executed.

31. To declare Council's approval that 102*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, remaining in the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall of the 202*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* payable to the reduced officers of co. Dorset, out of discoveries made by them, in pursuance of an order of Parliament of May 10, 1649, be issued for that end to such persons as Cols. Sydenham and Bingham shall appoint, a request to that purpose having been presented in the name of the said officers.

32. The usual allowance and salaries paid to the Commissioners for administration of justice in Scotland, English and Scotch respectively, to continue to the present Commissioners of each nation. Wm. Lawrence and Henry Goodyear, who are Commissioners added to the commission, are, on their arrival, to receive an advance of 100*l.* each, for which, and for the salaries, the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland is to issue his warrants. The Commissioners for the Revenue there, and all other officers are to see the

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same satisfied; their salary to begin from the time of their being voted in the House.

33. Order, on petition of Isabel Trenhele, widow, that the Treasurers for maimed and wounded soldiers show cause to Council why she has not her pension paid her. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 121–128.]

Nov. 28. The Swiftsure, Hope. **182.** Gen. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. As you are in dispute whether to fit out the great ships now or in spring, I make bold to say that unless you are sure of a speedy peace with the Dutch, the service will be much prejudiced if they are not fitted out at once, for then the Dutch will get their summer fleet ready before ours, and block us up in our harbour instead of our blocking them up in theirs. The objection is that they will want cleaning for the spring, but we will keep them clean and fit for service.

I hope to sail the end of this week westward, with 20 men-of-war. Pray quicken the victuallers to supply us with all that may be required. I enclose a list of ships in the Hope. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 28. Leghorn. **183.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. I have perfected the accounts of disbursements made here, chiefly about the wounded and pillaged men taken by the Dutch in the late fight in this port, and turned on shore; their particular names and charges are as set down in the enclosed, and come to dol. 6,802 19. 4. There are other disbursements added which were omitted in my last of 2 May, and some rectified, and the balance due is 3,908. 5. 3. which I now draw upon you at 60*d.* per dollar, making 977*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*; this I hope will be paid.

Since the exploit with the rich French ship, there has not been any Dutch man-of-war in this port, neither will they be welcome for that cause. The French have again begun their old trade of thieving, having lately taken two Dutch ships and one English. We have no news whether the squadron of Dutch which lately went from hence are at the Straits' mouth or gone for France; the Dutch here report they are at the former, and the long stay of some small ships which left England for these parts makes me doubt they have fallen into the hands of the Dutch. Both they and the French have many rich ships in Turkey, which may be back here in 3 months.

There is an advice from Holland that they have received such a notable shipwreck by a storm that they cannot set out any fleet of consequence until next summer, in which time, if you could spare a squadron for these seas, I am confident you need not take any care for providing money to pay them, especially if a stirring active man be their chief commander. P.S. 12 Dec.—By advice from Holland, those States have ordered their squadron in these seas to return home, as they say 20 English frigates are designed this way. I wish this may be true, and they may meet with some Dutch and French, there being now in Turkey a dozen ships belonging to those two nations, all bound for Italy and Marseilles. With copy of his letter of 31 Oct. [2¼ *pages.*]

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Nov. 28. **184.** Order of the Committee for Public Debts, on the queries of the Commissioners at Worcester House:—

1. That all delinquencies since the Act of Oblivion are within the Act for Discoveries.

2. That an Act be prepared and presented to the House, to settle and dispose into a treasury all that shall be raised from discoveries of lands, moneys, plate, &c., as also all fines arising on convictions for bribery, fraud, and breach of public trust, for the sole payment of public debts; also what moneys are due upon the self-denying ordinance of 1646, and upon the fines, compositions, and forfeitures of delinquents and traitors. That the word persons is defective, at page 156 in the last Act, and that the Commissioners or some others may have power to assign the recompense to the discoverer, whether in land or money. That any public debt which shall come to any person as heir, executor, or administrator, shall be allowed upon discovery, as if it were his own. It is not ascertained in the Act whether the discoverer has his election of his debt or a fifth part. That the House appoint a treasurer for the money which shall come in upon this Act.

3. A clause to be inserted for disposing of the first 20,000*l.* that shall come into the treasury (discoverers' parts excepted) for payment of poor persons' public faith bills within the qualification of 40*l.* estate, as ordered by the late Parliament.

4. All discoveries to be reduced to one place, viz., the Commissioners at Worcester House.

5. The Commissioners to have power to choose clerks and necessary officers, and allow salaries and incident charges.

6. The trustees for sale of the King and Queen's lands to be made trustees for the lands, plate, jewels, &c. which shall be discovered upon the Act, with power to appoint surveyors, and to value prize lands and goods, and sell the same.

Query whether it will not advance the business of discoveries to empower Commissioners in the several counties to take examinations in these matters. [1½ *pages.*]

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3. The petition of Edw. Roe and Rob. Corfe, of Aliceholt forest, co. Hants, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine the fact wherewith they stand charged, hear them, and report; meantime the Committee may bail the prisoners if they think fit.

4. The petition of Mr. Clovell dismissed from further hearing.

5. To write to the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal that there are several prisoners in co. Dorset committed as pirates, and to desire them to issue out a commission of oyer and terminer to John Browne, John Trenchard, John FitzJames, Wm. Hussy, John Whiteway, Rich. Bury, Jo. Squibb, Walter Foy, Thos. Gallop, Ed. Butler, Jo. Cheeke, Rob. Relham, James Dewy, and John Still, for trying the said persons.

6. **185.** The petition of Eliz. Colson, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do as the case deserves.

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7. The petition of Col. Stubber referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to confer with him concerning his desires, and report.

8. Order, on petition of Lieut.-Col. Roseworm, Engineer General, that the arrears of his salary be paid out of Council's contingencies, and that in future his salary be paid quarterly, as to servants of Council.

9. His petition referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider what should be done for his further encouragement, and report.

10. The petition of Wm. Harris, Wm. Sherrington, and Thos. Morrell, referred to the Committee for Examinations, to inquire concerning their desire, and report.

12. Order, on report from the Committee appointed to peruse the return from co. Hants concerning the difference between Mr. Ryvet and Mr. Coler about Broughton rectory, Council being satisfied of Mr. Ryvet's title, that the justices of peace take care that he be kept in possession, and be not disturbed by Mr. Coler or others under pretence of his (Coler's) title, and that he receive the profits of rector.

14. Sir Philip Musgrave to have his liberty on parole till further order from the Lord General or Council.

15. Dr. Holmes to have the sole impression of the book lately published by him, called, "The Resurrection Revealed, or the Dawning of the Day Star, &c.," and no other person whatsoever to presume to print the same,

17. Order, on report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, on the petition of Capts. Limbrey and Crawley, concerning the Gift of God of Dieppe, that if the petitioners have any matter of objection, either in respect of contraband goods or proofs of carrying French men's goods, they are left to proceed in the Admiralty Court according to law, the parties to whom the ship and goods were restored being responsible for the value of what they can recover, if they proceed to trial in the Admiralty Court.

18. The former orders of Council concerning the sending of Geoffry Browne prisoner to Dublin, to the High Court of Justice there, to be pursued. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 130–134.]

[Nov. 29.] **186.** Petition of Robt. Davis to the Admiralty Committee, for satisfaction for the loss of his clothes, books, goods, money value 100*l.*, &c. in the Leopard, of which he was purser, and which was taken prize coming from the Straits; also for 25*l.* travelling charges in bringing the sea books to London overland. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

186. I. *Certificate by Capt. Hen. Appleton in confirmation of the above.*—29 *Nov.* 1653. [½ *page.*]

[Nov. 30.] **187.** Petition of the inhabitants of the New Exchange to Council. On 22 November, divers attendants of the Portuguese Ambassador appeared on the Exchange, armed with swords, targets, coats of mail, &c., and assaulted and slew several people, some employed in business, and wounded many passengers in the streets.

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Parliament having always shown such detestation of crimes of this nature that the highest pretenders to privilege could not exempt themselves from justice, we hope that the slender pretence that they are subjects of a foreign state will not protect them in their more than ordinary wickedness. We beg you to lay a penalty on all who conceal or aid their escape, and as they are desperate persons, let them be seized by military power.

Also we beg a declaration in print of your just displeasure at the unsheathing any weapon or firing a pistol in a place of public resort and trade, that peace may be provided for, and the blood of innocent people not ascend to the Lord. 36 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 30. **188.** Reference thereon to the Committee of Council for lunatics. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 137.]

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2. The papers subscribed by Capts. Geo. Osees and Mich. Robinson referred to the Committee for Examinations, to take speedy consideration thereof, and report.

3. The petition and papers of John Fisher, yeoman warder of the Tower, referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to examine the matter, state, and report, with his opinion what should be done.

4. Eleanor Whitgift, now a prisoner for encouraging the late mutiny of seamen, to be set at liberty, on security to Mr. Thurloe to act nothing prejudicial to the commonwealth.

5. The petition of Jos. Dobbins referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider where the 40*l.* due to him may be had, and on what treasury it may be charged, and to report.

6. That of John Spittlehouse to be brought to Council when the report is made from the Committee for Examinations on the Isle of Axholme.

9. **189.** The letters and papers written from the agent at Hamburg to Council, read this day, referred to the Admiralty Committee.

10. Also the petition of Wm. Haselwood and the part owners of the Globe.

11. That of Alex. Turner referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

12. The petition of Theodore Jennings, junior, referred to the Committee to consider the Council's servants and their salaries.

15. The petition and papers of Capt. Dan. Hinchman, on behalf of Col. Hewson's regiment, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

16. Col. Montague to continue President of the Council one week longer.

17. Mr. Thurloe to write to the resident at Hamburg to buy no more powder or shot, but to buy what masts may conveniently be procured there.

18. **190.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that several provisions were delivered by the master of the Relief in the Straits to the use of the fleet of this commonwealth, then com-

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manded by Capt. Badiley to the value of 766*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, that the said sum be paid to the owners of the said ship, and that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Navy Commissioners to pay it.

19. Sir O. Fleming in the name of Council to tell the Venetian secretary the contents of the petition of Martha, wife of Thos. Hendra, as of the papers annexed, and to move him to obtain her relief according to justice. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 136–140.]

Nov. 30. Dover. **191.** Capt. Rich. Ingle to Edw. Marston. As our two prizes brought in this summer by Capt. Jas. Wood have been condemned in the Admiralty Court, I entreat and authorise you to demand and receive my interest in 11 shares, besides my share of the plunderage; apply to Mr. Parram in Crooked Lane, who will do us all the right that may be, and you may satisfy yourself thereout for your pains. [1 *page.*]

Nov. ? **192.** Petition of Skinner Ryder, late lieutenant to Major Wm. Goodrick, and now to Major-Gen. Lambert, to Lord General Cromwell and the Council of State. I presented my case concerning my title to Wallwood wood, Layton parish, Essex, bought from Sir Ol. Cromwell by my grandfather and descended to me, and you referred the case to the Committee for removing Obstructions, but they have returned it as having no power therein, and it has depended before you since 10 June 1653.

Timber is already felled there, and some sold to Capt. Taylor for the navy, but much spoiled by a rude multitude, because you forbad me to carry it away till a hearing, which is to be next term in the Exchequer. My agent and I are indicted by Sir Hen. Mildmay for riot and forcible entry into the woods, and he has put me to great trouble, though the Barons of Exchequer cleared me. I beg a reference of the whole case to the Exchequer, and leave meanwhile to sell the wood felled, on security to answer its value, if ejected by law.

Nov. ? **193.** Dr. Dan. Whistler to the Admiralty Committee. I am ordered by Council to go with Ambassador Whitelock on his embassy to Sweden, as physician. I have lately been employed by you on orders from 4 June to 3 August, and from 6 August to 14 September, 100 days, in care of the sick and wounded from the fleet set ashore at Harwich, Ipswich, Aldborough, Southwold, Yarmouth, &c., and have yet received nothing for myself, man, and two horses. I beg you to assign me what you think fit. Noted 200*l.* [¾ *page.*]

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Dec. 1. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sir Chas. Wolsley to move Parliament that 2 troops of dragoons, besides officers, be added to the establishment of Scotland.

2. Sir Gilbert Pickering added to the Committee for Dutch Affairs.

3. 1. Order on report from the Committee for Examinations concerning Capt. Allen, late of Lowestoft, Suffolk, that the Admiralty Committee employ him in the fleet, if convenient.

4. Sir Wm. Roberts to report to Parliament the state of the farming of the Post Office, when the report shall be made by a Committee of Parliament appointed to consider that business.

5. Col. Barton to report to Parliament the petition of Abraham Ratte, a French jeweller, that his condition may be considered, and such order given as they judge fit.

6. To write to Capt. Bishop to deliver to Mr. Frost the writings in his hands taken from Capt. Clark.

7. The warrant brought in for payment of 400*l.* to Major Wade, for carrying on the ironworks in the Forest of Dean, to be signed by 5 of the Council.

8. The letters from Lubec of Oct. 24, and from Hamburg of Oct. 25, referred by Parliament to Council, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee.

9, 19. **2, 3.** The petitions of Eliz. Colson, widow, and of John Bland, merchant of London, and others referred to the Admiralty Committee.

10. **4.** Also the petition of Albertus Skinner, merchant of London, to consider whether the commodities which he desires leave to import from France are necessary for the navy, and to report.

11. The petition of John Watson, gunmaker, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to examine what is alleged, and report.

12. The petition of the Governor, Assistant, and Fellowship of the Eastland merchants referred to the Committee for Dutch Affairs.

13. Order on petition of Thos. Raven,—considering what has been done by Council as to suspending confiscation of a ship and goods coming into Newcastle from Holland, on Raven's account, as appears by their warrant of Sept. 20, 1652;—that half the value of the said ship and goods, due to the commonwealth upon the seizure, be redelivered to Raven, the other half being due to the officers of the port upon the seizure, which they had disposed of before the coming of the Council's warrant.

14, 22, 24. The petitions of Edward Fielder, of Gray's Inn; of Anne, widow of Capt. Rob. Holland; and of Col. Mat. Alured, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to examine and report.

15. That of Capt. Jacob Reynolds referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs, to report.

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17. Order on report from the Committee for Examinations in the case of Capt. Swinfen, that Mr. Cradock, Militia Treasurer for co. Leicester, pay him a month's pay for himself and the commission officers out of the Militia money.

21. The petition of Richard Child and others referred to the Committee for Examinations, to speak with the parties concerned, and on hearing both sides, to report what should be done.

25. Order on petition of Daniel Arthur, owner of the Dolphin, for a privateer's commission for the said ship, being homeward bound on a merchandising voyage, that the Commissioners for Customs inquire concerning the matter alleged, and certify.

27. Order on report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, on the petition of Mich. Oldsworth, for the custody of the Registry Records of the Prerogative Office, that all Orders of Council concerning the said office be revoked, and Mr. Oldsworth and the relict of Mr. Parker be left in the same state, in point of possession or right, as they were before any of the said orders were made. Mr. Browne and Mr. Filbrick to deliver up the said records accordingly. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 143–149.]

Dec. 1. **5.** Specimens [drawn up seemingly for the use of Cromwell] of the style observed by the King in issuing warrants, grants, proclamations, and pardons, the mode of signature and docketting; also the forms adopted in the preparation and tender of such documents, of their passing the seals, &c. [3½ *pages.*]

Dec. 2. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Gens. Blake and Monck commissioned to be Generals of the fleet, in pursuance of an order of Parliament of this day.

2. Mr. Sadler to move Parliament that Major-Gen. Desborow and Vice-Admiral Penn be appointed Generals of the fleet, and joined in a commission with Blake and Monck.

3. Rear-Admiral Lawson to be Vice-Admiral of the fleet instead of Vice-Admiral Penn.

4, 24. To order Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, to take care to buy masts there not exceeding 2,000*l.* value, for which money he is to draw bills of exchange on the Commissioners for Customs in London, and to write the said Commissioners to accept and pay the bills, and charge them in their account.

5. To write to Gen. Monck that he is chosen to be one of the Generals of the fleet, and to desire him to perform all things appertaining to his charge, until his commission can be despatched to him.

6. Sadler and Strickland to be a Committee to consider of the former Act whereby the Admiralty Commissioners were appointed by Parliament, and to bring in the draft of an Act for settling Commissioners for the Admiralty in future.

7. The persons this day named Generals of the fleet to be by their commissions appointed for 6 months.

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8. Cols. Rob. Blake and George, Monk, Major-Gen. Desborow, Vice-Admiral Wm. Penn, and John Carew to be offered to Parliament as Commissioners for the Admiralty.

9. The petition of the Vice-Chancellor, masters, and scholars of Cambridge University, to be reported to Parliament by Mr. Sadler.

10. Tichborne, Jones, Sydenham, and Wolsley to be a Committee to withdraw and consider of the names of some fit persons to be appointed Admiralty Commissioners, and to report this afternoon.

11. The petition of the Ordnance clerks and also that of the labourers of the Tower, referred to the Ordnance Committee, to report on Wednesday.

12. **6.** The petition of John Frederick and others referred to Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

13. Order on petition of Robt. Waterhouse, offering to make a discovery to the advantage of the commonwealth, and craving an allowance for the same, that $\frac{1}{5}$ be allowed of all money, plate, jewels, or other goods which he shall discover, and which shall be judged to belong to the State, for his labour therein.

14. The petition of Thos. Davis and John Hunter referred to Cols. Barton and Rous, to consider and report.

15. Order on a paper tendering to Council a discovery on the collection of a duty in Turkey called the Strangers' Consulage, that $\frac{1}{5}$ part of the money he shall discover as belonging to the commonwealth be allowed him, in case it be found to be a discovery, and that Paul Hagget be empowered to make search in the Council books from 1635 to 1640, now in the State Paper Office, Whitehall, and also in the Signet Office, to enable him to make out his discovery.

16. The Admiralty Judges to attend to-morrow afternoon to give an account of what proceedings have been had in their court, on the late order of Council for restitution of Spanish wools.

17. The order for granting Col. Slingsby liberty upon bail suspended, and he to continue a prisoner.

19. Order to send the petition of Thos. Weld of Bridgenorth, co. Salop, to Col. Mackworth, Recorder of Bridgenorth, Thos. Kettleborough, Wm. Child, Master in Chancery, and Rich. Corset, and desire them to examine Mr. Walden and his assistants' accounts, and to take care that what money is collected be proportionably divided amongst those who have been sufferers in the burning of Bridgenorth.

20. Order to send the information concerning the return of Scotland to the Commissioners in Scotland, and desire them to consider it, and if they shall find that what is offered may be of any public use, to certify their opinions, as there is a certain person here who may be useful in that business.

22. To discharge George Villa, servant of the Portuguese Ambassador, from arrest, and his bail from security, Council finding him to have been arrested in the wrong of the privilege of the Ambassador. All sheriffs, judges, and officers belonging to Compters in London, are to take notice hereof.

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23. The Committee appointed to examine the arrest to send for Thos. de la Wood, serjeant, and the officers of the sheriff of London, who arrested Villa at the suit of Rachel Moone, and to examine them, and report the whole matter.

25. Mr. Sadler to report to Parliament the draft of an Act prepared for constituting the persons therein named Admiralty Commissioners. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 151–157.]

Dec. 2. Court of Wards. Report of the Committee for Treasuries and Salaries, on a Parliament order of 28 November, that there is due to Ralph Darnell, assistant clerk to the late Parliament, for salary and arrears for a year to 25 March 1653, 200*l.*, which is to be paid accordingly. [*G.* 138, *p.* 275.]

Dec. 2. Bruges? **7.** Abra. Coult to Ralph Parker, at the house of the Prince of Orange, Flushing. I gave the piece of cheese to Mrs. Fawcett, to see what she could do in the sale of it, but there is little hope except the cheese were here, as they pretend they can buy the country cheese for two stivers. Mrs. Fawcett desires you will send her half a hundred for herself, and if you will send her word to whom she is to pay the money, she will do so. Remember your promise and deliver the enclosed letters, and give my respects to my Lord [of Derry], Mrs. Bramble, Capt. Whitington, and your wife. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 3. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on hearing the Admiralty Judges in the business of the Spanish wools, lately ordered to be restored, that a full restitution be made thereof, and that they be freed from the attachment laid on them at the suit of Mr. Richaut, out of the sheriff's court of London, and from any other arrest that may be brought against them, and that a warrant be issued to the Admiralty Judges to see the same done.

2. The petition and affidavit of Rob. Cougham, with the annexed certificate and remonstrance from Rob. Jermie and Thos. Frere, referred to the Committee for Examinations, to consider and report.

3. The petition of Edm. Tooker referred to the justices of peace for co. Devon, to examine and certify.

4. The room in Whitehall used by the Committee of Parliament for Lodgings assigned to the Committee of Parliament for the Law, to use at such times as the Committee for Lodgings are not using it.

6. The petition of Rich. de la Hoye, merchant of Ross, Ireland, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to examine the matter alleged, and certify.

7. The petition of George Boschaert referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

8. **8.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the nonpayment of the salaries of the postmasters on Dover Road,—which Capt. Manley refuses to pay, the service of the State suffering thereby;—that the said Commissioners examine why Manley has not paid them, and report. *Annexing,*

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8. I. *Report that Council should direct the payment of the postmasters' Michaelmas salaries, and those due in future, that the service be not neglected.*—30 *November* 1653.

9. **9.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning Capt. Wm. Balthazar, that he be released on good bail to Mr. Thurloe, and that his papers be delivered him. *Annexing,*

9. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee, on references from the Council of State of the petitions of Capts. Wm. Balthazar and Thos. Skelton, that Balthazar has, by commission from Charles Stuart, taken many English vessels. That a little before the passing the late Act recalling mariners from foreign service, he tried to make his peace, came over soon after, and offered to purge himself on oath from needless delay. That Mr. Skelton's prosecuting him is rather from malice than for the service, and that he has declined bringing Balthazar to trial. Therefore they recommend Balthazar's release on good bail, and return of his books and papers.*—30 *November* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

9. II. *Copy of the above.* [1½ *pages.*]

10. **10.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on Capt. Curtis' loss of a cable and anchor, by reason of the General's ship being driven adrift upon him, that 50*l.* be given in lieu thereof, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give order for payment.

11. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the appointment of several captains to the command of frigates referred to the said Commissioners for further consideration.

12. The petition of Wm. Astell, Wm. Pembridge, Abr. Johnson, and Urian Martison referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine the whole matter and report. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 161–164.]

Dec. 3. Council of State to the Admiralty Judges. On hearing the case of the Spanish wools taken at sea in several ships, brought to London by this State's men-of-war, and decreed by sentence of the Admiralty Court to be restored as free goods belonging to the King of Spain, we do not think it right that the said wools should be liable to arrest on private actions, and therefore authorise you to see effectual execution made of our said decree, and the wools shipped aboard such ships as the Spanish Ambassador shall appoint, and allowed to pass out of port without molestation, that they may be put into the same condition of freedom as they were before. [*I.* 72, *p.* 159.]

Dec. 3. Doctors' Commons. **11.** Admiralty Judges to the Council of State. You ordered us on 28th November to recall the commission of Capt. Finch, on complaint of depredations committed against [Edw.] Bew and others, but we find that he has no commission. He went out as captain in one of 2 men-of-war set out by John Penticost, of Plymouth, to whom 2 commissions for letters of reprisal were granted. This wrong to

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the commonwealth we find frequent in complaint, but no prosecution. What shall we do against Penticost for abusing his commission, and shall we recall one or both his commissions? [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 3. The Swiftsure, Hope. **12.** Gen. Monk to the Admiralty Committee. Having received order from the Council of State not to lose the opportunity of sailing from hence with such ships as are ready, I called a council of war to know their present state, and find 20 sail will be ready on the 6th inst., if part of their provisions and stores are sent down in time, about which I have written to the respective officers concerned for their supply, but we desire it may be seconded by you, that so, if wind and weather permit, I may set sail.

Since the embargo has been taken off, seamen are very hard to be got, although all care and diligence have been used to answer that want, and I doubt we shall be forced to sail with 20, 30, and 40 men short to each ship, except 4 or 5 which are fully manned. I hope care will be taken that the ships which follow may bring men enough for themselves and us, as well as for those ships at Portsmouth, which are in great want. It would be well if the masters of merchant ships were enjoined not to allow more wages to seamen than the State does; also care should be taken for their impressing in every seaport town in England by the chief magistrates of each place, and upon notice I will send vessels for their reception.

John Poortmans has no order for disposing of the prize money he has in hand. Pray send out immediately by reason of our sudden sailing from hence, the seamen's expectations thereof being very high. [1¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 5. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. A Committee of Council to give audience to the Venetian secretary at Whitehall at 4 next Wednesday, and to the agent from the city of Lubec at 4 next Friday; Fleming to give them notice.

4. The petition of Jas. Mac Dowell, Sir Jas. Hamilton, and John Hume of Renton, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

5. A letter from the Lords Deputies of the United Netherlands, directed to Mr. Thurloe, and dated $\frac{5}{15}$ inst., craving the release of certain Dutch officers, prisoners, with the annexed petition, referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to report.

6. The report from the Committee for Examinations on the business of Hatfield Chase, or the manor of Epworth, to be agreed to, and the President desired to sign the deed prepared.

8. The petition of ——— referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to inquire what quantities of wool, leather, and other provisions have been granted for the supply of Jersey, and to certify what they find, and what quantity of the goods desired by the petitioner they judge fit to be allowed him to be now transported.

9. Fleming to repair to the deputies from the States General, and represent that Council are very sorry for the death of Lord Van de Pierre, their late colleague.

10, 11. Order that Fleming present the petition of John Causton, merchant of London, to the Spanish Ambassador, and desire his

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interposition, by letters to Archduke Leopold, for doing justice on the persons complained of. Also to write to the Archduke, enclosing the petition, and recommend it effectually to him.

12. Order that a paper given in signed Wm. Dolton, in relation to the 2 children lately left in Whitehall, be transmitted to Thos. Swallow, justice of peace for Middlesex, to examine the whole business, and upon the prosecution of Dolton, to dispose of the children as law directs, and give an account of what he does.

13. Council having considered the petition of James and Eleazar, le Merchant, and other inhabitants of Guernsey, and also the order of Col. Bingham, Governor, of 22 December 1651, concerning the payment of camparts to Jas. le Merchant, concur therewith and hereby order all persons concerned to take notice of it, and make full payment of the due of camparts, and all arrears thereon to him.

14. Order on the petition of James and Eleazar le Merchant and others of Guernsey, praying that the matter in difference between them and John Bonamie, about payments of camparts, might be referred to indifferent persons, — that it be referred to Capt. John Clarke, Deputy Governor of Guernsey, Capt. Nathl. White, Capt. — Waterhouse, and Lieut. Wynn, to hear the whole matter and determine it according to justice.

15. Thos. Blagden, late messenger to the Admiralty Committee, to be recommended to the Admiralty Commissioners now appointed, for suitable employment under them.

16. Order on a resolution of Parliament of September 15, 1653, by which Council is empowered, by such lawful means as they think fit, to make practicable, and bring to effect the discoveries therein intended, that Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, Col. Grosvenor, and Scoutmaster-Gen. Downing be a Committee to make practicable, inquire of, hear, and determine all matters concerning the said discoveries, which they are to have speedily despatched. To that purpose they are to send for persons, papers, writings, and records, examine witnesses on oath, and use all lawful means for finding out and seizing the said discoveries.

17. Order on another resolution of Parliament of the same date, empowering Council to give ¼ of the said discoveries, that Col. Allan Boteler, who has made and should have proceeded in them, and had the full ¼ by order of Council of Oct. 21st last confirmed and granted him, being lately deceased, Capt. Hen. Grosvenor, proposed by Dame Katherine Boteler, widow of Col. Allan, to proceed in the discoveries, be authorised to bring them to effect, and to have a full ¼ of whatsoever benefit may accrue to the commonwealth from prosecution of the said discoveries, Grosvenor bearing his proportion of incident charges, whether they concern real or personal estates.

18. Order that the said Commissioners nominate a treasurer to receive all such moneys, plate, jewels, &c. brought in, and to pay Capt. Grosvenor his ¼ part thereof as it comes in, either in whole or

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part, as shall by him be prosecuted, and determined by the said Commissioners, who are to give Council an account of their proceedings.

19. Order empowering the said Commissioners to call to their assistance such counsel as they think fit to carry on their business, and allow them such salaries as they shall appoint. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 165–170.]

Dec. 5. The Swiftsure, Hope. **13.** John Poortmans to Rob. Blackborne. I have received your notice of 2 more generals being added, and of the persons appointed as Admiralty Commissioners for the ensuing year. I know few of them, but unless they are as full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom as those excluded, our masters have not acted according to the rule in their choice. When such men are laid aside, if the Lord leave us, we can only say "Righteous art thou, O Lord, because we have not "walked in the ways of thy commands."

It is strange that when they have entangled me in so weighty a charge of money, they take no care for my direction and security. I have more eyes on me than before, through the late alteration. Be mindful of Mr. Green; he is a faithful man and fit for his employment. My condition is concerned in the new admirals, but I wait the Lord's leisure, and beg your prayers on my behalf. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 5. Grant by Wm. Taylor, alderman of York, John Clayton, junior, of Oakenshaw, co. York, William Wood, merchant of London, Thomas Oates of Morley, William Scudamore of Shipton, and John Crowther, draper of Kingston-upon-Hull, all co. York, to James Danby of York, and Nicholas Sanderson of Hickleton, co. York, of their moiety of the manor of Hemel Hempstead for the sum of 20 shillings. The purchase money was 2,032*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.*, whereof Taylor paid 625*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*, Oates 252*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, Clayton 554*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, Wood 253*l.* 10*s.* 10½*d.*, Scudamore 239*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, Crowther 105*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*; but Taylor having bought the shares of Wood, Clayton, Oates, and Crowther, the grantees are to allow Taylor and Scudamore to take to their own use rents proportionable to the money they have expended. [*Parchment, signed and sealed. Interregnum, Box* 2, *No.* 2.]

Dec. 6. **14.** Petition of Anne, wife of Capt. Jarvis Russell, commander and part owner of the Katherine, to the Council of State, for an order for payment of the arrears due since 11 April last for the hire of the ship, her husband being at sea, and she being at great straits to provide for her children and others. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 6. **15.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 171.]

Dec. 6. **16.** Petition of James Waynwright, merchant of London, to the Council of State, for an order to the Admiralty Committee to order payment of several bills of exchange drawn upon Council, for money delivered to Rich. Bradshaw, the Commissioners for Inspection

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I understand from some Jews here that a friar of Sicily had collected in that island 14,000 dollars to redeem the captives of that nation, and that he had agreed with the Bashaw at 350 dollars for each officer, and 250 for common men; if the Bashaw should stand upon such terms for the English, let me know how to govern myself, as your former orders will not carry me higher than 200; but if 200 will clear them, I shall draw the money upon you, unless otherwise directed. Besides the 200 dollars a man, there will be other large expenses, as the freight, victualling, and manning of the bark, and supplying the men with money to carry them home, and clothes. With copy of his letter of 21 Nov. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 6. **20***a*. Warrant by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to the Treasurers-at-war, to pay 777*l*. 11*s*. to Rich. Hutchinson, for the navy, to be issued on warrants from the Admiralty Commissioners. Receipted 14 Dec. [1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 7. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **21.** Order on the petition and accounts of the bailiffs of Scarborough of disbursements for the fleet, for a warrant to the Commissioners of Prize Goods to pay them 30*l*. in full thereof.

2. **22.** The petition of Katherine Evans, Katherine Dyall, Jane Wood, Joane Collins, and Avis Cheeke, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do for them as is usual.

5. To answer the petition of the sons of Sir Peter Richaut that Council have had a full hearing of the matter, and have given such orders as were agreeable to justice, and expect that all persons concerned observe them.

6. The petition of Rich. Moore and Robt. Hamleton, prisoners in Bristol Castle, to be transmitted to Col. Scroope, to examine their condition, and report the same, with his opinion what should be done for their relief.

7. Mr. Lawrence to deliver to the Venetian secretary the paper prepared by Council for him.

8. Sir A. A. Cooper to inquire of Col. Rich what interest he has in the government of Deal Castle, to tell him what has been desired by Capt. Coppin in relation thereto in his petition, and to report what account he receives from Rich.

9. The Admiralty Commissioners to nominate some fit person for rear-admiral of the fleet, and report to-morrow. Also to consider the letter from Mr. Longland about the deportment of Capt. Badiley in the engagement of Leghorn, and to report.

10. Col. Rouse added to the Mint Committee.

11. That Committee to repair to-morrow to the Mint in the Tower, to take an account of the business of the Mint, and to acquaint Council therewith.

12. Capt. Badiley appointed rear-admiral of the fleet.

13, 14. To send to Col. Fenwick and the rest of the [Commissioners] in Scotland the petition of Alex. Grey, and desire them to examine the matter; and if they find it as alleged, to cause restitution to be made to the petitioner. Also to send the petition to

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the Commissioners in Ireland, and desire them to consider it, and do for him as they think fit.

15. **23.** Order approving the following appointments by the Admiralty Committee.

Philip Gethings as commander of the Maidstone.
Anth. Earning as commander of the Bridgewater.
Robert Machy as commander of the Yarmouth.
Robert Taylor as commander of the Gainsborough;

and the said Committee are to take steps that they may be commissioned.

16. **24.** Order concurring in the report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that the Little President, now arrived at Plymouth from Jersey, with ordnance and arms, should come into the river to deliver her guns at the Tower, many of them proving defective, and the Admiralty Commissioners are to give orders accordingly.

17. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on a reference, that a license be granted to the Golden Bear, to sail with her lading from Yarmouth to Bordeaux, and thence to Hamburg, the parties interested giving security that she shall not, in her return from Bordeaux, touch any enemy's ports.

18. Order on like report on the petition of Wm. Goodlad and other owners of the Margaret and Martha,—which, being taken up to carry ammunition and soldiers to reduce the isles of Lewis and Mull, was cast away by a storm;—that the Prize Goods' Commissioners grant the owners a prize ship at its valuation according to first appraisal.

19. The letters from the city of Hamburg of Oct. 25, also from Lubec of Oct. 24, 1653, referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

20. Order on report from the Irish and Scotch Committee concerning the Fortune, stayed at Dover, to write to the Governor of Dover Castle to release the ship, when it shall appear to him, by certificate from the Commissioners for Customs at Dover, that it is [illegible] for Biscay on a merchants' voyage for merchants' account; another person go as commander of her.

21. To write to the Commissioners for Forest Lands to charge their surveyors to take special inquiry of the examination of Edw. Roe and Rob. Corfe, keepers of Alice Holt Forest, co. Hants., concerning the matter wherein they were charged, as to the spoil of timber in that forest. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 177–182.]

Dec. 8. **25.** Petition of Martin Noell and Major John Taylor, merchants of London, to the Council of State, for a warrant to keep 24 men on board the Morea Merchant, and 16 on board the Providence, free from being impressed. Their ships are designed for the Straits, and are to be laden with pilchards, bought in the West, and if they missed the season, it would be an utter loss, having bought many goods in the Straits, for payment of which they have remitted large sums to Venice. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 8. Whitehall. **26.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 186.]

Dec. 8. **27.** Petition of Giles Vandeput and Nicholas Warren, merchants of London, to Council, for release of their vessel, the St. John Baptist, formerly the Sun, stayed at Gravesend by warrant from General Monk.

She was taken from the Hollanders. They bought her for 920*l.* at the Prize Office, and spent 2,000*l.* more in guns, repairs, and victuals. She is bound for Nantes, to take in wines and spirits for the Caribee Islands, and then to return here, for which purpose they have given security in the Tower for her guns. John Van Rhyn, a German, and David Donville, a Hamburgher, are to load her at Nantes, but no Hollander nor enemy of the commonwealth has any interest in her. Her master is a Dunkirker, and through the scarcity of English seamen, she is manned with Hamburghers, Dunkirkers, and such men as could be got. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 8. **28.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. [*Also I.* 72, *p.* 185.] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Report by the said Committee that the ship was stayed by their advice, they thinking it of evil consequence that a Dutch ship, manned with strangers, should depart the river, and that they find the information in the petition is true.* [⅔ *page.*]

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1. The petition of Mountjoy, Earl of Newport, referred to Col. Wm. Boswell and Robt. Stockdell, who are to examine all parties having knowledge of the matter, and proceed according to the powers given them by the late Act for marriage.

2. **29.** The letter from Mr. Carleton and Mr. Wilson, dated at Cader, 2nd November last, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

3. Hen. Barnes and Thos. Lock, prisoners in Newgate, and Sam. Speed, prisoner with the Serjeant-at-arms, to be released on bonds, each for himself, that they will not for the future act to the prejudice of the commonwealth.

4, 6, 7. To write to Col. Lilburne, to Thos. Fell, George Pigott, and George Toulson, justices of peace for co. Lancaster, and to Thos. Cholmley and Wm. Briscoe, justices of peace for Cumberland, that Council is informed of an intention of certain disaffected persons to land in Lancashire and march privately thence into the Highlands of Scotland; and to desire them to order that all possible care be taken to prevent it, and to intercept the persons in their intended passage.

5. Rich. Hunt appointed minister in Churcholme, or Holme Chapel, co. Chester, and to continue till further order from Parliament or Council.

9. Mr. Lawrence to order the books and other things belonging to the library at James' House to be removed from the room they are now in to the one adjoining.

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11. To write to the Earl of Bridgewater recommending that Mr. Porter, who was in the sequestration of the living of ———, may have it conferred on him, the incumbent on whose sequestration he had it being dead.

14. Rich. Scutt to furnish the Committee of Parliament for Regulating the Law with fire and candles, their place of sitting being in the room in the orchard [Whitehall], standing into the Thames.

16. The letter from Col. Rob. Lilburne, concerning Thos. Fulford, dated November 8, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to consider and report.

18. The petition of John Caulier referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to consider and certify.

19. The Admiralty Judges to proceed speedily on the petition of Geo. Boschaert, merchant, and determine it according to justice, as directed by an Order of Council of 7 September, or to certify cause to the contrary.

20. **29***a*. Order on reports from the Committee for Foreign Affairs and from the Admiralty Judges, concerning 16 ships claimed by the Hamburg agent as belonging to that city, and taken at sea by ships in the service of the commonwealth, that all the said 16 ships, with their ladings, be forthwith discharged, the sentence of condemnation pronounced against them notwithstanding, except the Prophet Elias, Mercury, Brewer, and King David, as to which the Admiralty Judges are particularly to report the proofs whereon presumptions are grounded of their being Dutch, in order that Council may, on consideration thereof, give further order.

21. The passes granted for the Louisa and Hunter, from Greenland to Havre de Grace, to be allowed and made good, and the Admiralty Judges to consider whether the ships are liable to condemnation, and determine finally therein.

22. Order on report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, on the petition of Peter Carey and Daniel Beauvoir, of Guernsey, that a warrant be issued to Mr. White, receiver of the public revenue there, to pay them 191 livres 18 sous and 6 deniers.

23. Order, on report from the Irish and Scotch Committee, that the accounts of Rich. Malbone's disbursements in carrying soldiers to the Bath for cure be referred to the Commissioners for Hospitals and sick and maimed soldiers, to examine and report. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 183–187.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Council of State to — Cultheth, of Cumberland. Whereas several dissolute persons in your county, formerly known as moss troopers, on being pursued, fly to the borders, you are, with the forces appointed you, to search for and pursue them to the borders or elsewhere, and seize, apprehend, and secure them where you judge fit, in order to their trial. [*I.* 72, *p.* 188.]

Dec. 8. Deed of sale by the Trustees for sale of Crown Lands to Rich. Casewell, Inner Temple, London, of Bushy Old Park, with lodge, barn, and timber trees, 23 acres, price 357*l.* 10*s.* Acknowledged

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13 December, before Edm. Rich, master in Chancery. [*Parchment signed. Interregnum, Box* 2, *No.* 3.]

Dec. 8. Inner Court of Wards, Westminster. Report of the Committee for Inspecting Treasuries and regulating officers' salaries, that by a Parliament order of 28 December, they have examined what is due to Edw. Birkhead, Serjeant-at-arms attending Parliament, more than formerly certified, and find 13*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* due on his fee of 1*s.* a day from 29 September 1652 to 24 June 1653; for wood, coals, candles, torches, &c. from 25 March to 24 June 1653, 50*l.*; on his pension of 240*l.* a year for maintenance of his servants for 1 quarter, 60*l.*; and on his pension of 500*l.* a year for service, 125*l.*, of which the Committee for Compounding are to take notice. [*G.* 138, *p.* 257.]

Dec. 9. **30.** Petition of Margett, wife of Edm. Hook, master of the Fortune, to the Council of State, for payment of 13*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by her husband for necessaries for the said ship while in Scotland. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Bill of the said disbursements,* 3 *March,* 1651, *to* 23 *Dec.* 1652. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. **31.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and shorthand notes of their opinion that they are not in a capacity to pay the money, but consider it should be paid from the contingencies of Scotland. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 189.]

Dec. 9. **32.** Petition of 8 owners of the Samson to the Council of State, for compensation for the loss of their ship, which being taken up for the service at Leghorn by Charles Longland, was fired in an engagement with the Dutch in the Straits, whereby they suffered loss to the extent of 3,000*l.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. **33.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. With shorthand note that Capt. Badiley is to state the matter of fact. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 190.]

Dec. 9. **34.** Petition of Thos. More to the Council of State for license to import from Denmark, or any port belonging thereto, masts, deals, tar, pitch, hemp, rosin, and cable yarn, in Danish bottoms. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. **35.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. With shorthand notes of a reference to the Navy Commissioners, who are to contract with him. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 191.]

Dec. 9. **36.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Colson, master's mate of the Foresight, to the Council of State, for an order to the Admiralty Committee to grant her further relief, the 30*l.* already received not being nearly sufficient to satisfy the creditors of her husband, who was slain in the engagement with the Dutch on 2 June last, leaving her and her five children in great distress, and in danger of prison. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. **37.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee to do as is usual. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 192.]

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Dec. 9. **38.** Petition of Thomas Langdell to the Council of State, for an order to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to let him have two of the condemned prizes at their appraised value, having lost his own and his wife's estate in the public interest, and they having nothing left to support themselves and 6 children. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. **39.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee. With shorthand note that there are many in like case, and if they should confer this, the precedent would bring them 1,000 suitors. [½ *page. Also I.* 72, *p.* 192.]

Dec. 9. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Dorothy Rose, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to do for her as is usual.

4. The Committee for Examinations to call for John Spittlehouse, and learn whether he will own his several petitions to Council, and his printed petition to Parliament against Mr. Thurloe, and to report his answer. Col. Rouse to be at the Committee when he is examined.

6. The warrant to Major-Gen. Harrison, Ald. Tichborne, and Lieut.-Col. Thomson, approved, and to be fair written and issued.

7. The petition and papers of Chris. Vine referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to order his accounts to be examined, and report their state.

8. Audience to be given to the Hamburg agent at 4 p.m. next Monday, Fleming to give him notice.

9. The petition of John Dumaresque and Joshua Bennet, of Jersey, referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, to report.

10. That of the Mayor of Salisbury referred to the Committee for Prisoners, to take care that the Dutch prisoners complained of may speedily be removed to some other convenient place.

12. So much of Capt. Cox's petition as relates to Capt. Swanley referred to the Admiralty Committee, to examine Swanley and his accounts, and give such further order as they think fit.

15. The petition of Daniel Stratman, master of the St. Peter of Hamburg, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to examine and certify.

16. The letter from the agent for the city of Bremen referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

20. **40.** Order for a warrant to Capt. Fauconberg to pay to Capt. Henchman, for himself and the rest of the purchasers of the lordship of High Peak, in behalf of Col. Hewson's regiment, 43*l.* 1*s.* 4¾*d.* for the same sum paid into the revenue out of the above rents, which were ordered to be paid to the purchasers.

24. Order adopting the report from the Irish and Scotch Committee concerning the trustees and creditors of Sir Allen Apsley, viz., that all matters of account betwixt the said late trustees and creditors be referred to such persons as the former trustees and the new ones, (Capts. Goodlad, Hen. Watson, And. Burrell, Thos. Carpenter, Wm. Blackmore, Wm. Newman, and Rob. Carey) shall by mutual con-

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sent nominate, who are to determine the same, so far as they agree unto any sums therein contained; and as to such parts of the account as shall not be so agreed, the referees shall draw out the particular sums wherein they differ, which shall be examined and adjusted by some indifferent persons nominated by Council. Also order that the former trustees of the creditors deliver up to the new trustees chosen by the creditors, and in the said report particularly named, all deeds, evidences, writings, and papers in their hands or which they can come by, concerning the estate conveyed for the creditors' satisfaction, or that relate to any proceedings for its recovery, the new trustees giving a receipt for them, that the said writings may be used for the creditors' relief. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 189–193, 201.]

Dec. 9. Bruges. **41.** Luke Whittington to Ralph Parker, Flushing. I have got here after lying a night on shipboard, being run aground by negligence. My service to Sir John Mennes. I have written my lord [of Derry] to lend me 100 guilders for 6 weeks, or I must sell or pawn something. I send him a letter from Mr. Crooke about the wine prize. Pray send me back some letters for me which Mr. Coult sent to you, and send Mr. Coult the cheese and Mrs. Fawsett 100 lb.

They say here that Holland will assist the King and lend him 80 men-of-war. God grant it may prove true. Send me my buff doublet. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 10. **42.** Petition of Edw. [Somerset], Earl of Worcester, prisoner in the Tower, to Parliament, for consideration of his former petition and of his present sick condition, and that his poor lady, who brought a very good estate, may not perish with him through want. Petitioned before for some subsistence where he is, or release on bail to seek it, having only from the State the weekly charge of the prison, but could not find favour, and now the doctor of the Tower certifies that through illness he is in great need of enlargement. [¾ *page.*]

[Dec. 10.] **43.** Petition of Edward, Earl of Worcester, to the Council of State, to favour his annexed petition, and have it presented to Parliament, his case being very deplorable; has no support but 3*l.* a week, lately sent to the Lieutenant of the Tower, their allowance only paying his prison fees. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 10. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. **44.** The petition and papers of Thos. Chelstone referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine and report.

2, 14. Those of Thos. Cartwright, merchant of Lynne, and of Joan Gilbert, widow, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to do for them as is usual.

3. The paper given in from M. de Bordeaux referred to the Committee for Foreign Affairs.

4. The paper lately ordered to be sent to the Portuguese Ambassador to be despatched to him by Sir O. Fleming.

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5. The petition of Susanna Padmore, widow, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to inquire on the matter alleged, and if they find it true, to report what should be done for her.

6. The declaration now read forbidding the offering of any violence upon the Exchange approved, and to be printed and published.

7. Order on report from the Committee for Examinations about the claim made by Thos. Fisher to a jewel and necklace of pearl, which was formerly seized on passing by way of the packet boat, that the jewel and necklace be forthwith restored to him.

8. The commissions for the Generals of the fleet to be forthwith made ready, and brought into Council, to be signed on Monday.

9. The petition of Wm. Lant, merchant of London, procurator of Ferdinando Lopez de Bolanios and Francisco Garera de Guerero, merchants of Seville, referred to the Admiralty Judges, to consider the case, and certify whether the granting what is desired may not be prejudicial to the trial of the ships, in reference to their lading of silver.

10. The petition and paper of Wm. Huby, complaining against Fras. Turner for words by him spoken against Government, referred to the Lieutenant of the Tower, to hear both parties, and certify.

15. **45.** Order approving nominations by the Admiralty Commissioners, as follows:—

Capt. Jeremiah Smith to be captain of the new frigate at Blackwell.

Capt. Francis Allen, of the Advice.
„ John Lloyd, of the Princess Mary.
„ Abraham Algate, of the Drake.
„ James Shurland, of the Red Hart pink;

and the said Commissioners to take care they have commissions from the Generals of the fleet.

16. The petition of Richard Colar, preacher, referred to Rich. Cromwell, Col. Rich. Norton, John Pitman, and Thos. Bettesworth, to consider what should be allowed him for his pains, for the time he officiated in the rectory of Broughton, and for the taxes he paid for the same, as also for his removal to and from the said place, and to give such order as they shall judge fit.

18. Order—on return from the Admiralty Judges that no commission has been granted to Capt. Finch for a privateer, but that he has been employed by John Penticost of Bristol, to whom two commissions have been granted,—that the Admiralty Judges send for the said [Finch] and proceed against him for what has been acted by him according to law. [*I.* 72, *pp.* 195–199.]

Dec. 10. **46.** Lord General Cromwell to Col. Chris. Whichcot. You are to raise forthwith a company of 100 foot soldiers besides officers, to guard Windsor Castle, of which you are to be captain. Send me the names of your officers by the bearer, and commissions shall be sent you. With notes relating thereto by Whichcot, 14 Dec. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 11. [Bruges ?] **47.** Luke Whittington to Ralph Parker, merchant, Prince of Orange's house, Flushing. I hope you received the letters I sent by Mr. Armitage, merchant of Leeds, for yourself, as also for my Lord of Derry and Mr. Crooke. Send me my buff doublet, a little good cheese, which would sell here at 2 stivers the pound, and some tobacco promised by Sir Jno. Mennes, also an account respecting the prizes, and put my Lord in mind of something for me, as he promised Galbreth he would lend me 100 guilders for 6 weeks.

There is little hope of peace between the Hollander and the English rebels; Sir Andrew Cogan's letter says that the soldiers petition hard for a monarchy, and it is thought Cromwell will ere long make himself King. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 12. Leghorn. **48.** Chas. Longland to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have finished my account of disbursements, chiefly about the wounded and pillaged men taken in the late unhappy fight, and turned ashore; total balance due, dollars 6,802. 19. 4., for which I have drawn bills for 977*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

There are no Dutch men-of-war here, nor would they be welcome after their late exploit. The French follow their old trade of thieving, and have taken 2 Dutch and 1 English ship. The Dutch say that their squadron which left here is at the Straits' mouth, and I fear some ships gone for England are fallen into their hands. There are many Dutch and French ships in Turkey that will be back in 3 months; we hear from Holland that they have had such a notable shipwreck by storm that they cannot fit out a fleet till summer, so that if you could spare a squadron for these seas with an active commander, I am confident that you need not take care to provide money to pay them.

We hear from Holland that the States have ordered their ships in these seas to return home, because 20 English frigates are designed this way. I hope it may be true, for they might meet a dozen French and Dutch ships bound for Italy and Marseilles. [1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 16. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The proclamation printed and now read to be sent to the several sheriffs, accompanied by a letter the form whereof was read, to be signed by Mr. Thurloe. [*I.* 75, *p.* 1.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. **49.** Proclamation by the Council. Whereas the late Parliament dissolving themselves, and resigning their powers and authorities, the government of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, by a Lord Protector, and successive Parliaments, is now established; and whereas Oliver Cromwell, Captain General of all the forces of this commonwealth, is declared Lord Protector of the said nations, and has accepted thereof, we have therefore thought it necessary (as we hereby do) to make publication of the premises, and strictly to charge and command all and every person of what quality and condition soever, in any of the

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said three nations, to take notice hereof, and to conform and submit themselves to the Government so established. All sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, and other public ministers and officers whom this may concern are required to cause this proclamation to be published in their respective counties, cities, corporations, and market towns, to the end that none have cause to pretend ignorance in this behalf. [1 *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 1.] Also

List of the Protector's Council, viz.:—

Mr. Lawrence, President.	Sir Gilb. Pickering.
Viscount Lisle.	Sir Chas. Wolsley.
Major-Gen. Lambert.	Sir Anth. Ashley Cooper.
Major-Gen. Desborow.	Mr. Rouse.
Major-Gen. Skippon.	Mr. Strickland.
Col. Jones.	Mr. Major.
Col. Sydenham.	

[1 *page. Both written by Sec. Nicolas' clerk.*]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. Council to the several high sheriffs. You will herewith receive a proclamation for proclaiming his Highness Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, which you are to cause to be proclaimed in all the cities, boroughs, and market towns within your jurisdiction. [*I.* 75, *p.* 1.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. Council to the high sheriffs. You will herewith receive a proclamation for continuing commissions, &c. in order to the execution of public justice, which you are to have proclaimed in like manner. [*I.* 75, *p.* 2.]

Dec. 17. Jan. 6. Alicant. **50.** Alex. Bence to the Navy Committee. At 11 p.m. on the 1st instant, the Robert and Richard of London, commanded by Wm. Fugg, was boarded and taken in this road by several Dutch merchantmen, pretending to have letters of marque; there were 8 other ships in port interested in the action. They found little opposition from our countrymen, who conceived themselves safe under the protection of this King, but whose ministers and magistrates showed but little favour, as they did not fire one gun in their defence, although within musket shot of their works, whereby they were so disheartened that 16 of 20 of the company forsook the ship, and escaped on shore. We have presented our grievance to the Governor, and declared our loss to amount to upwards of 26,000 dollars, but we find him cold in our favour; the actors, after remaining two days in port with their prize, sailed for Leghorn. I have given notice thereof to the Vice-king, and requested him to look into this business, and if you deem it convenient, will demand satisfaction in your name, or otherwise in the like nature it will be easy for any of your ships that pass this way to recover the value. Until you send a fleet into these seas, there will be no security for commerce by our nation, this coast being full of such Dutch merchantmen. There are no other men-of-war on this coast, notwithstanding we are threatened by the Hollanders from Italy. [1¾ *page.*]

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Dec. 19. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Lawrence to be appointed to the chair for one month from to-day.

2. In case of addresses by petition, they shall be directed to his Highness Oliver, Lord Protector of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

3. The same for addresses of foreign Princes or States.

4. Sir Oliver Fleming, Master of the Ceremonies, to go to the Ambassadors and other public ministers in London, to inform them of the established Government, and desire them to make their addresses to his Highness as before expressed.

5. In order to this service, Fleming is to attend Council at 10 a.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 2, 3.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Council to Serjeant Dendy. A proclamation of Council is herewith delivered you, for proclaming his Highness Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector. You are to cause it to be published with sound of trumpets, in the most solemn manner, and in the most public places of London and Westminster this Monday 19 Dec., Edw. Birkhead and Hen. Middleton, Serjeants-at-arms, attending with their maces, for its more solemn performance. [*I.* 75, *p.* 3.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Council to the officers of the college of arms. You are forthwith, upon sight hereof, to repair to Whitehall to give your attendance in proclaiming his Highness Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector, in the most public places of London and Westminster, and you are to come in an equipage suitable to such a solemnity. [*I.* 75, *p.* 3.]

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Council to the Lord Mayor of London. The Serjeant-at-arms being commanded to publish the proclamation for Oliver Cromwell to be Protector, Council desires, for the more solemn performance to the service, that you and the aldermen will be there, and assist in its promulgation, with the attendants and officers convenient on such occasions. [*I.* 75, *p.* 4.]

Dec. 19. Dover. **51.** Abra. Stock to Edw. Marston, Gardner's Lane, King St., Westminster. I find by yours that you were advised to make way with Mr. Speaker, if the business is not perfected before this, and I suppose it is not like to be in haste, if at all, by reason of the great transactions happened of late. I should like to know how the case stands with me and Capt. Goulding, and shall be glad if he recovers his ship, as I and my friends would be somewhat the better for it.

I shall be glad to hear in what manner we are now like to be governed, and what likelihood of an accommodation with the Dutch and French. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Stone, Scobell, and Herne, to bring in to-morrow the draft of an Act for confirming the Excise till further order.

2. Order that Sir Wm. Roberts and Edw. Cressett treat with those persons who have bought the parks, hare warren, meadows,

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&c. of Hampton Court, for their surrender to the commonwealth on reasonable terms. *Annexing,*

52. *Their report thereon. We treated with Edmund Backwell, goldsmith and jeweller, who contracted for Bushy Park* 15 *Nov.* 1653, *at the rent of* 408*l.* 15*s. a year, and for materials, timber, deer, &c. to the gross value of* 915*l.* 17*s. The rent being sold at* 14 *years' purchase came to* 5,722*l.* 10*s., so that the total of the purchase was* 6,638*l.* 7*s.*

Of these he reserves to himself the New Park, valued at 115*l. a year, which cost him* 1,635*l., for which he demands* 450*l. profit. Part of New Park,* 23 *acres, he sold to Mr. Casewell of Hampton for* 407*l.* 10*s.*—53*l. more than it cost him; this is paid for and conveyed. He sold the meadows to his brother, John Backwell, for* 1,550*l.*—308*l. more than it cost him; and old Bushy Park to Mr. Woolmer, of Gracious Street, for* 1,528*l.*—100*l. more than it cost him; and the hare warren to Mr. Bryce and Mr. Inwood for* 1,170*l. Of these none are conveyed, nor is more than a moiety of the purchase money paid.*

Backwell has thus received 461*l. profit for the part sold, and he demands for his own part* 450*l. profit. His brother demands* 450*l., Mr. Woolmer* 400*l., Mr. Bryce and Mr. Inwood demand* 200*l. besides their charges. The total of the purchase, less Mr. Casewell's, is* 6,283*l.* 17*s., the moiety of which* 3,141*l.* 18*s.* 6*d. is presently to be paid in to the purchasers, besides the profit demanded,* 1,968*l., the sum total being* 5,109*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

The Middle Park of Hampton Court was sold to Col. Norton, 3 *December, but no proceedings have been taken therein except about contracts.*—10 *Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

3. The counsel learned to prepare a draft of a proclamation for continuing all commissions respecting the execution of public justice, and the proceedings in courts of law and equity, and also of the Admiralty, notwithstanding the late alteration, and to bring it in to-morrow.

4. Col. Clark and Mr. Scobell to bring in the draft of an Act for renewing the powers of the Army Committee and Treasurers-at-war.

5. The Committee for Inspections to prepare an Act for renewing the power of the Navy Treasurer, and to bring it in the first opportunity.

6. The minutes of all orders pronounced by Council to be read in Council before being passed into orders.

7. Ald. Tichborne to prepare and bring in the draft of an Act for continuing payment of the Algiers duty.

8. Note that Major-Gen. Skippon took the oath usually taken by Council, and was thereupon admitted a member.

9. Oath of a counsellor to the Lord Protector, to be faithful to his trust, and in the election of every successive Lord Protector, to proceed impartially, and do nothing from promise, fear, favour, or reward.

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10. Counsel-at-law to consider how the form of patents and writs shall be reformed to the new established Government, to prepare an Act, and present it.

11. Cooper and Desborow to prepare an Act for renewing the former powers, for probate of wills, and to propose to Council new names to be inserted therein.

12. Order on petition to his Highness from Sir John Jacob, and the other late farmers of Customs, that to satisfy them and their creditors that no alteration is intended by the Government now established from the Act of the late Parliament for sale of forest lands, a copy of that part of it shall be delivered to them, attested by Mr. Thurloe as a true copy.

13. Mr. Thurloe to perfect with speed the instrument entitled "The Government of the Commonwealth, &c.," that it may be ready for enrolling.

14. Edw. Birkhead, Serjeant-at-arms, to detain in custody prisoners committed by the late Parliament, and not release them without special leave of Council, and report what is necessary from time to time. All warrants from any Committee or Commissioners of Parliament, for apprehending delinquents or any others in contempt, shall be directed to Edw. Birkhead, and executed by him or his deputy in such sort as was authorised by order of Parliament, Oct. 12, 1653. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 5–7.]

Dec. 20. **53.** Navy Commissioners to Council. We certify, on petition of the owners of the Peregrine, that she was employed as one of the squadron in the Straits under Capt. Rich. Badiley, 4 months and 3 weeks before she was taken, which at 3*l.* 15*s.* a man per month, for 108 men, amounts to 1,575*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*, which ought to be allowed. The ship was worth 3,100*l.*, and if you allow that, according to the declaration of Parliament for ships honourably lost in fight, the freight, amounting to 781*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, will have to be deducted, leaving a balance due of 2,318*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* The owners have already received 700*l.* from the Navy Treasurer, and 3,500 dollars from Mr. Longland in the Straits. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. $\frac{20}{30}$] **54.** Petition of Hugh Morrell, merchant, representing sundry French merchants and others of Paris, to the Council of State. Being at the Court and Council of France, and having beyond all expectation received release of a ship of 250 tons of currants belonging to merchants of London, sundry merchants, &c. of Paris have applied to us about an island in Amerya [America?] long inhabited by French, and the Governor, being old, has sold it to these gentlemen.

They think nothing would more favour their design than the protection of England, and they offer that all ships coming from their plantation shall stop at some port of England, make an entry of their goods, and pay $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. customs, and then transport the rest to France. Also ships going thither shall stop in England to buy commodities.

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If Council approve their desires, they will send some of their principal members to confer thereon: Noted: "Laid aside 6 April 1654. [1 *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{2}{3}\frac{0}{0}$. Paris. **55.** Hugh Morell to Lord General Cromwell. We are here very silent as to public transactions. All Christendom depends on how England and Holland may conclude. The Lord guide your consultations to His glory and the public good.

I beg your concurrence in a petition I am presenting to the Council of State, the thing being honourable and profitable.

P.S.—"A sudden report is risen here, as if there were new and strange mutations in England, by an express, a major, of a division amongst our grandees of the army; a dismission of the Parliament. It comes from the Palais Royal, whose interest makes the wind 4 points of the compass more favourable than really it is, and our letters being not come makes us muse, but not so mad as to credit such unlikelihoods but from better hands."

"2nd P.S.—This news is confirmed. The party came by way of Dunkirk. The most moderate hope hereby of peace with Holland and France, though Black friars cry 'Wars, wars!'" [1 *page.*]

Dec. 20. Hampton. **56.** Jas. Marchant to Edm. Marston. Pray withdraw from the Clerk of the Council my orders from Col. Bingham and my two petitions, and assist the bearer, Eleazar Marchant, to get copies of the two last orders from Council signed and sealed, and send them to Capt. Clark, deputy governor, to put in execution. I should have done all this myself before leaving, but was anxious to meet the barks here, which were gone before my arrival. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Dec. 20. **57.** Warrant by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to the Treasurers-at-war, to pay 15,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, to be issued on warrants from the Admiralty Commissioners. Receipted 23 Dec. [1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*]

Dec. 20. **58.** Petition of Cols. Thos. Saunders, John Okey, and Mat. Alured to the Protector, &c., and our General:—

As members of the army, we solemnly declared (14 June 1647) that we engaged not as mercenaries but in conscience for the liberties of our country; yet from our confidence in you, who engaged with us in the same quarrel, we waited your counsels to the utmost extremity.

But finding you engaged in transactions whereupon the life and death of the cause bought with our blood hangs, we are obliged to remind you of the tyranny against which we engaged, and of the fundamental rights and freedoms we intended to redeem out of the tyrant's hands, and to this the whole army agreed, not only before but after the exemplary justice done on the late King. We then declared his tyranny to consist in his opposition to Parliament, concerning the people's safety in their absolute command of the militia, and of their power to call officers of justice and ministers of State to account, which he said could not be done without him, and that whatever he did, no power could meddle with his sacred person.

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Dec. 20. We then declared that we must have constant Parliaments, freely chosen by the people, which should have the supreme power in making laws, removing grievances, determining peace or war, &c., and no person should be exempt from punishment by the people's Parliament; the principle of the King's unaccountableness being the great root of tyranny.

We tremble to think of the account we must render, if by silence we give away the freedom purchased by precious blood, and subject the people to a like kind of thraldom. We are therefore pressed in conscience to declare that we sadly resent the consequences of establishing that supreme trust of the militia for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years out of 3, in a single person, with a Council which he can control at pleasure by a negative voice. Also this power is not to be over such a militia as the late King durst not claim, but over a standing army, which this single person, if corrupt, may employ to destroy Parliament, and bring us under vassalage; for this army will be mercenary, and obey his commands from interest, whereas the ancient militia, having their own arms and officers, were not obliged to obey the King's illegal commands. Such a militia commander will be master of all Parliaments, freedoms, and all our birthrights, especially considering that, according to what is imposed by the present Parliament, no Parliament shall ever dare to propose anything against a single person's command of the militia, lest he should refuse, during their session, to dispose of it as they advise; so that all provisions for liberty of conscience or freedom would thus be made void.

All legislative power would also depend upon this single person, he having an absolute negative to all Bills, unless Parliament declare that he is obstinate, and will neither consent to the Bill nor satisfy them why he will not, which they would not dare to do to one who commands 30,000 men. Also this negative voice is a clog upon Parliament, the opposing of which in the late King cost so much blood.

Now if this single person should attempt the highest tyranny, the power vested in him is such that Parliament cannot execute justice on him unless he consent to have justice done on himself, and he can protect himself, as the late King might have done, if he had had a standing army. Also we apprehend ill consequences from allowing the Protector and Council to levy money to pay a fleet and army of 30,000, and 200,000*l.* a year over and above.

We are filled with trouble, being daily taunted that while we pretended the freedom of our country, we only intended to set up ourselves; therefore we are cautious about taking rashly any new engagement, though none will more faithfully serve you in all just designs. We therefore beg that a full and truly free Parliament may consider our fundamental rights and freedoms, settle the Government, and secure us against all future attempts of tyranny. In your protection of these great ends we will hazard life and estate in your defence. Noted: "This petition was subscribed and owned by these 3, and had been by many more colonels of the

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army, if the Lord Protector had not, upon search of Col. Alured's chamber, taken it away and imprisoned him for 2 days, whereby any further subscriptions were prevented." [1 *sheet, printed.*]

Dec. 20. **59.** Information of Mar. Nedham respecting a meeting held at Blackfriars on Monday evening, 19 December 1653. The first man in the pulpit was the minister of Shoreditch, who was very moderate, and after him Mr. Feake discoursed concerning the little horn in Daniel vii, which he would not say was meant of anyone in this or any other nation. "I will name nobody," said he, but he gave many desperate hints, which he named characters, and about nine in number. The first was that this little horn should come up among the 10 horns; by the 10 are understood 10 kings, kingdoms, or governments, which were to arise out of the kingdom of the fourth beast, that is, those 10 European kings, kingdoms, or states that arose out of the Roman monarchy. It is said of the little horn that he should come up among these as a branch of the fourth monarchy, and that is the first character.

The second is that this little horn should arise after the 10 horns or kings, that is, after the 10 horns have continued a while; then a little before these 10 horns expire shall this little horn arise, yet not so after them but that he may be said to be among them.

The third is that this little horn shall be diverse from the first, that is, from the 10, and shall not in all things be like any of the 10 horns or kings, but shall appear another thing, and his power and government entirely different.

The fourth character is that before this little horn, three of the first were plucked up by the roots, and three fell before him, and that he should subdue three of the horns, three kings or kingdoms, and this, he said, I apply to nobody.

The fifth is that in this horn were eyes like a man, that is, he had eyes, his emissaries and spies, in every corner.

The sixth is that he had a mouth speaking great words in defiance of the most high God, and his people.

A seventh character that he had a look more stout than his fellows. Here it is intimated that though he differ in his government and title from the 10 kings, yet he shall be equal to them in power, and so they but his fellows. And he shall be more stout, that is, take more upon him than those his fellows.

The eighth is that he shall think to change times and laws, and to make great alterations in government, and set up a form and laws of his own.

The ninth and last character is that this little horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them, as it is said "he shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and they shall be given into his hand until a time, and times, and the dividing of time," which is said to be until judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. In the 26th and 27th verses it is said "the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end, and the kingdom, dominion, and greatness of the kingdom under

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Dec. 20. the whole Heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, &c."

Thus you see how this little horn is to make war with the saints, that is, to set himself against them, and prevail in his design, so as they shall be given into his hand, and he shall wear them out for some short time, until the time come when the fifth monarchy begins, when the kingdom and dominion must be given to the saints, who in the end shall take away his dominion, and destroy it.

And so it appears the little horn is a power sprung out of the fourth monarchy, immediately before the beginning of the fifth and which shall be destroyed by the fifth.

"I know" said he, "some would have the late King Charles to be meant by this little horn, but as I said at first, I'll name nobody. God will make it clear shortly to his people who is meant here," and after many like insinuations at random, he dismissed the subject.

Vavasour Powell went up next, and pursued the same interpretations, enlarging on the subject out of Daniel xi, but reflected much more openly than Mr. Feake, being very broad. He applied what is spoken in the 20th and 21st verse of that chapter to the little horn. The king of the north he interpreted to be the late King, who stumbled and fell, and could not be found. Then shall stand up in his estate, as in the 20th verse, a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom, but within a few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle; "a small matter," he said, "should fetch him down, with little noise."

And here he took occasion to inveigh bitterly against the great commanders, as if they were the sole cause of taxes; but it is said moreover, in the 21st verse, of the successor of the king of the north, "in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom, but he shall come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by flatteries." This he applied in a most pernicious manner to the present time; and then went on to the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th verses, which he wrested after the same strange manner, and then from the 30th to the 33rd verses, which are "He shall have intelligence with them that forsake the holy Covenant," "that is," said he, "with such as apostatise from their principles." "And arms shall stand on his part," "that is," said Mr. Powell "the great army men and swordsmen shall side with him;" "and such as do wickedly against the Covenant shall be corrupt by flatteries, but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits, and they that understand among the people shall instruct many," upon which he expatiated with very bold reflections, and then concluded that subject.

He then fell upon a new discourse, and told us that there were four things at which people are now very much offended, "but we here," said he, "are ready to justify them before all the world, and they are these;

(1.) That there is such a thing as a fifth monarchy, which Christ is now setting up.

(2.) That there is now such a thing as a spirit of prophecy in the saints, whereby they are enabled to foretell things to come, and

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Dec. 20. thereupon he undertook to foretell the downfall of the present power.

(3.) That the great design of Christ is to destroy all antichristian forms, churches, and clergy.

Upon the latter he was copious, and said they must down, though they were never so strongly protected, for Christ is none of their lord protectors, though the army-men protect them, "yes, and rather than those shall down, they will pull Parliament in pieces, and this made them break the last Parliament; for on Saturday the 6th of December, the House refused to settle a commission of ministers to ride in circuits as the judges did, and judge who were fit to be continued, or put out of their livings, and so to maintain them upon the old corrupt foundation still; and when the House would not yield that these antichristian clergymen and tithes should be upheld, then on Monday following in the morning they were thrust out,—I mean the few honest men of them that were then present,—by violence, and the rest, as they had agreed beforehand, went and subscribed their names to a paper, giving up their authority in the name of the whole, whereas none of the honest men would subscribe or surrender save only some three or four, who have since professed their hearty sorrow to me for it. This is true, and we must speak it out, for our mouths shall not be stopped with paper proclamations. I saw one to-day in print which says this last Parliament dissolved themselves, and resigned up their powers and authorities; but I take it to be a libel, for at the top of it it is said to be by the Council, but it does not say by the Council of State, nor by the Council of war, nor by the Common council, nor by name of any other council, and therefore I look upon it as a mere libel; for I am sure it lies sufficiently in saying the Parliament dissolved themselves, the better part being utterly against it, and continue of that mind to this day, and so you shall find they will continue. They were broken by force, and it was a business plotted by the great army men, clergymen, and their party together."

This Mr. Powell represented as a grand mystery, and so took upon himself to strip and whip it in a very furious manner, before all the people, which being done, he flew into many strange ejaculations. "Lord," said he, "have our army men all apostatised from their principles! what is become of all their declarations, protestations, and professions? Are they choked with lands, parks, and manors? Let us go home and pray, and say Lord wilt Thou have Oliver Cromwell or Jesus Christ to reign over us? I know there are many gracious souls in the army, and of good principles, but the greater they grow, the more they are corrupted with lands and honours. I'll tell you a common proverb that we had among us of the General, that in the field he was the graciousest and most gallant man in the world, but out of the field, and when he came home again to government, the worst."

He added that they expected persecution, and snares were laid, and spies set over them, and they might be deprived of the benefit, of meeting in that place, "but then," said he, "we can meet at another; and if we be driven from thence, we will meet at private houses; and

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if we cannot have liberty there, we will into the fields; and if we be driven thence, we will into corners; for we will never give over, and God will not permit this spirit to go down, but will be the support of the spirits of his people."

He also complained of the faltering of divers who had formerly been very forward at this meeting, but now drew back, and therefore he prayed that the Lord would hold up the meeting.

Mr. Powell having done, one seated at the corner of the gallery began to speak, and would have gone on to oppose somewhat that had been spoken, and strained his voice to overcome the outcries; but after half-an-hour's tumult, Mr. Cockaine getting into the pulpit, they cried down the other.

Mr. Cockaine entered upon the 5th chapter of Hosea, and discoursed so largely upon the two first verses that he had no time to trace any further. He told us this part of the prophecy referred to the time of Jereboam the Second, who held up the corrupt worship as it was at first instituted by Jereboam the First; and the house of the king, and the whole tribe of the idolatrous priesthood combined together, out of policy, to maintain their several interests, by keeping out and suppressing the true worship of God. The idolatrous priesthood supported the house of the king, and the king maintained the priesthood. Here was their compliance, and this he made bold to parallel to the present state of things in England, by showing the like compliance, and he was often up with the name of antichristian clergy, parochial priests, Baal's priests in England, and what a combination there is now between them here and the house of the king or the present power; but from the example, and in the words of Hosea, that bold man, as he called him, he was bold to declare judgment towards them both, and that shortly to be expected; and why? Because they have been a snare on Mizpah and a net spread upon Tabor. He told us Mizpah and Tabor were two mountains upon which were built two watch towers to espy. There spies were kept continually by the priests and the king, because those places overlooked all the highways towards Jerusalem, and so none had a mind to go thitherward to the true worship of God but they were presently espied, and so persecuted by the priests and the king, who had set up their interests in the idolatrous worship, and therefore were resolved to force it upon the people, and use all means to keep them from a better; and for this purpose they had snares spread and spies set in every corner, as the priests and their king have here with us, and he was very copious in this kind of discourse.

Then he came to the 2nd verse, and told us that as the revolters in Israel were profound to make slaughter, profound in their plots and designs to circumvent and persecute, so the like here in England, and it might be expected more. Here he fell foul upon the great clergymen, as well as others, who had deserted from their principles, and said we might beware of such, for that none were so desperately bent, and so profoundly set upon mischief against men of right principles, as such as had revolted from them. He talked at large of much cruelty that was to be expected from such revolters, but bade us rest assured the Lord would be a rebuke of them all.

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These are some brief hints of larger discourses. One thing more let me add, that Vavasour Powell's 4th point, which he said he would justify against all the world, is, that the magistrate has nothing to do to meddle in matters of religion. The meeting was adjourned until Monday next. [6 *pages.*]

Dec. 21. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Feake and Vavasour Powell to be sent for in custody before Council at 4 p.m. to answer what is objected against them. Warrants to be issued by the President authorising Serjeant Dendy to take them into custody.

2. Mr. Scobell and Scoutmaster-General Downing to read the papers with the words of Mr. Feake and Mr. Powell, and to extract and divide into heads the material passages, and take in writing the examinations of the witnesses.

3. The Bill for reviving the Act about probate of wills, brought in by Sir Ant. Ash. Cooper, to be consented to.

4. A clause to be inserted in the proclamation for continuing commissions respecting the administration of public justice, for continuing the commissions of sewers.

5. The proclamation for continuing commissions and courts of law, equity, &c. for execution of public justice, approved, with the alterations.

6. The Bill for continuing the Excise, brought in by Mr. Scobell, read the first and second time.

7. Cooper and Jones to draw up a Bill for restraining and punishing sedition and treason, and advise with the counsel learned thereon.

8. The proclamation aforesaid, presented by the Lord President to the Lord Protector, was passed by him by the advice of Council, and ordered to be printed and published.

9. The orders of yesterday and to-day read and approved.

10. Mr. Feake and Mr. Powell to be kept in custody by the Serjeant-at-arms, and brought to Council to-morrow morning.

11. Sir Chas. Wolsley and Cols. Sydenham, Montague, and Jones, to consider and perfect a paper prepared by Wolsley, and report to-morrow.

12. Sir Oliver Fleming to acquaint the Dutch deputies that his Highness has appointed some of the Council to be a Committee to confer with them, and that a conference is desired at 4 p.m. to-morrow. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 7–9.]

Dec. 21. Proclamation by the Lord Protector. Whereas the exercise of the chief magistracy in the commonwealth is established in his Highness, assisted by a Council, lest the course of justice might receive interruption, he (reserving to future consideration the redress of any abuses by misgovernment) declares by advice of his Council, —who have power till next Parliament to make laws and ordinances for the peace and welfare of these nations, which shall be binding

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till order be taken thereon in Parliament—that all persons who on 10 Dec. were lawfully possessed of any place of judicature or other office be continued therein until his Highness's pleasure be further known. All patents, commissions, and grants referring to public justice, and all proceedings in the courts of law, equity, or Admiralty, or by the Commissioners of Sewers shall stand in force till further order.

Meantime, for preservation of peace and prosecution of justice, all the said persons are to act in their several duties as before. [*I.* 75, *p.* 9.]

Dec. 21. Whitehall. Council to [the High Sheriffs of Counties]. We send you a proclamation for continuing of commissions, &c. for execution of justice, which, by direction of Council, you are to have proclaimed in all the market towns in your jurisdiction. [*I.* 75, *p.* 9.]

Dec. 22. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Thurloe took his place at the board, being thereunto called by Council.

2. Mr. Thurloe to bring in the Instrument [of Government] fitted for enrolment, to-morrow morning.

3. The Bill for continuing the Excise being read in parts, resolved that Luke Hodges, Thos. Bulstrode, and Wm. Cooper be inserted into the Bill for Commissioners.

4–6. That the quorum be two, and that their allowance be 1*d.* in the pound, these amendments being made at the board. The question that the word "enact" stand in the Bill being put, passed in the affirmative.

7, 8. Vavasour Powell and Mr. Freake were again brought before Council, and ordered to be continued in custody of the Serjeant-at-arms, apart, till to-morrow morning, and no persons to be allowed to visit them. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 10, 11.]

Dec. 23. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Edw. Dendy, Serjeant-at-arms, to search in the house of Robert Wood, printer, or elsewhere, for an abstract of the Instrument whereby the Government of the commonwealth is settled, to seize all the copies found, to break presses used therein, apprehend the owners, the printers, and persons employed, and bring them before Council.

2. The ordinance for alteration of several names and forms used in Acts, writs, patents, commissions, &c., and settling proceedings in courts of law and justice according to the present Government, was read the first and second times, and after some alterations at the board, committed to Sydenham, Jones, and Cooper.

3. Major-Gen. Skippon to signify to the churchwardens of Blackfriars that the usual Monday meeting at the church be discontinued.

4. Mr. Scobell to bring to-morrow morning the draft of a Bill for continuing the Act for payment of the Algiers duty.

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5. Amendments reported by Sir Ant. Ash. Cooper to the Ordinance committed this day were put to the question; the one in these words "for the public use" was negatived, the remainder passed, and were ordered to be inserted.

6. The recorder and some aldermen of London attended Council for direction concerning the oath to be taken by the city officers, and it was declared that the matter should have speedy consideration; the administering the former oath to be forborne.

7. Consideration of the above-named oath to be taken next Monday morning. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 11, 12.]

Dec. 24. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1–6, 10. An Ordinance for continuing the Act of Parliament for redemption of captives was read the first and second time. Resolved, that the words, "the 3rd day of Oct. 1654, and no longer," be inserted; that in the last clause of the Ordinance, between the word Highness and his Council "with the advice of" be inserted; that the words "by them" in the same clause do not stand; that the draft of the Ordinance so amended be presented to the Lord Protector, as the advice of Council; and being so presented by the Lord President [of Council] it was ordered by his Highness and Council to be engrossed, passed for a law, printed and published.

7–9. The Ordinance for continuing the Excise being engrossed was read the third time. Resolved, that it be presented to the Lord Protector as the advice of Council, and on being presented by the Lord President, it was by his Highness' consent and Council's passed into a law, and ordered to be printed and published.

11, 12. The Ordinance for revising the Act for probate of wills and granting administrations, being engrossed, to be presented to the Lord Protector; and being presented, it was approved, passed for a law, and ordered to be printed and published.

13. Order that the letters ordered by the late Council of State on Dec. 7th to be written to the commanders in Scotland and Ireland, enclosing petitions of Alex. Grey concerning his losses there, which were not issued owing to the change in Council, be now written.

14. The petition of Sir John Trevor and Lancelot Lake, concerning moneys due to them out of the receipt at Newcastle, alleged to be paid to Thos. Ledgard, referred to the Committee for Inspections, to examine, and report.

15. The business of Scotland to be considered next Monday. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 12–14.]

Dec. 24. **60.** Warrant by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to the Treasurers-at-war to pay 17,392*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* to Rich. Hutchinson out of the six months' assessment, for the use of the navy. Receipted 13 Jan. 1654. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 25. **61.** Declaration of the quarterly salaries due to Col. Jno. Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, 50*l.*; John Baldwin, gentleman porter, 5*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*; and 40 yeomen warders named, 5*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* each from 29 Sept. to 25 Dec. 1653. Total 256*l.* 8*s.* [1 *sheet.*]

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Dec. 26. **62.** Quarter's bill of Col. John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, for expenses on prisoners, repairs, wages, &c., *e.g.*, for carrying Lieutenant Col. John Lilburne in barges to the Upper Bench and back, 2*l.*; the preacher and physician to the prisoners, fee 5*l.* each; surgeon 2*l.* 10*s.* candles and oil for the several gates of the Tower, 3*l.* 15*s.* Total of the quarter's bill, 111*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* [¾ *sheet. This does not include any charge for the diet of the prisoners.*]

Dec. 26. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. John Barkstead, Esq., Lieutenant of the Tower, to detain in custody all prisoners committed by the late Parliament or Council of State, not release them without special order, and report from time to time what is necessary.

2–4. The Ordinance for altering some names and forms in writs, and settling proceedings in courts of law, &c., read and agreed to by Council, presented to the Protector, approved by him, passed for a law, and to be printed and published.

5. The Committee for Compounding to give warrants for payment to the officers and servants of the late Parliament of the salaries due to them, according to an order of Parliament. The Treasurers of Goldsmiths and Haberdashers' Hall to make payment according to the warrants; and the acquittances of the said persons to be sufficient discharge. [*Also G.* 138, *pp.* 247, 249.]

6. The paper agreed to in answer to a paper from the Dutch deputies of the 23rd instant to be delivered to them by Mr. Thurloe.

8. Order that the warrant issued by Major-Gen. Lambert on 12 Dec., for restraining all boats and vessels from passing from the port of Dover, be taken off.

9. The allowance of 200*l.* a year to be continued to Mr. Pell the mathematical lecturer, according to an order of late Council of State of 24 June last.

10. Lambert, Cooper, Sydenham, Jones, and Wolsley to be a Committee to consider the Scotch business and report; they are to meet to-morrow, Mr. Scobell to assist them.

11. A paper from the Dutch deputies of 26 Dec. read. [*I.* 70, *pp.* 14–16.]

Dec. 26. Ordinance by the Protector and Council for altering the names and forms of writs, grants, patents, commissions, &c., putting the seal of the Protector instead of that of the keepers of the liberties of England, all fines to be recovered in the Protector's name, and all legal documents to be issued in his name, which is to be used in all forms of law, and in causes civil and criminal. [8 *pages, printed. Collection of Acts, Vol. I., No.* 81. *Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

Dec. 26. Swiftsure. **63.** Instructions by Rob. Blake, Geo. Monk, Jno. Desborow, and Wm. Penn, Admirals and Generals of the fleet, to the commanders-in-chief of squadrons, flag commanders, and all captains of ships at sea in the service of the commonwealth.

As exorbitancies and miscarriages may arise in the fleet, for restraining whereof a general council of war cannot be so frequently

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Dec. 26. called as may be requisite, for preventing these, and for governing the fleet in better order, according to the laws of war, and ordinances of the sea, ordained by Parliament, it is hereby ordered,—

That the first article of the said laws and ordinances be duly observed by each commander, viz.: that the chief flag ship, or commander of each squadron, with assistance of a council of war of his squadron, sentence and punish all offences committed against any article of war and ordinance of sea, by any person belonging to any of the ships in his squadron. Provided that no execution or sentence of loss of limb proceed until we Generals be made acquainted with the crime (the criminal being still secured), and with the depositions against and defence made by the offender, &c., and the same delivered to the Judge Advocate of the fleet, to be registered and kept upon record. Provided also that no sentence for cashiering of a captain pass until we Generals have had information of the whole, and that the proceedings be delivered to be recorded as above said.

That each commander bearing a flag subordinate to the chief of any squadron, calling to council at least three commanders of the ships under his divison, have power to sentence and punish offences against the said laws and ordinances on any ship of his division, with the previous provisoes.

That whenever three ships of war or more shall be sent to any guard or station, the commanders have the same power to punish that is hereby given to the flag commander of a division, during the time of their stay abroad.

That the captain of each ship of war, calling to his assistance the lieutenant, if any be thereupon allowed, with the master, his mate, check, gunner, boatswain, and carpenter, have power to examine and bring to trial and punishment any person belonging to his ship, for any offence against any of the said laws and ordinances, or against other orders for retaining mariners on board their ships, or continuing them at their duty while on board, and for punishment of any one who shall attempt to carry them thence without leave; this order to extend to the punishment of any offence committed on shore, in any place or harbour into which any of the ships shall be sent, or have occasion to put; also any offence committed against any order already or hereafter to be made for prevention of fire or other accident, by the miscarriage of lights, taking tobacco, selling strong drink on board, or the breach of future articles, for avoiding mischances in the fleet. Provided that sentences of loss of life or limb, or the cashiering of any commissioned officer be remitted to the commander of the party, if remote from the fleet, or to the flag commander of that division, or the next superior in that squadron, or if he be also absent, to the chief flag or commander thereof.

Lastly, it is ordered, according to an order of 16 May 1653, that all commanders of ships of war in the service repair on board the flag ship of every division under which they are ranged, or the chief flag of the squadron, whenever a pendant or other signal for a council of war shall be put forth by any of the said flags, on penalty of the

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forfeiture of a day's pay for the first neglect, and the like for the second, unless cause be shown to the contrary; in which case they are to send the officer nearest them in command to excuse their absence; upon refusal of payment, they are to be taken into custody by the Marshal-General of the fleet, until the same be made; the same person offending a third time to be proceeded against at the next general council of war, as a contemner of order and discipline. [*Copy*, 2¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 26. **64.** Report of the Fleet Committee, brought in by Col. Clerk and Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, for the timely providing a fleet for next summer's expedition, in case the war with the Dutch continues, viz.:—

(1.) That there be a main body of 130 sail; 30 whereof it is supposed will be continually absent in convoying prizes, washing, tallowing, and refitting.

(2–6.) Twelve to be assigned for the Channel and Land's End, 6 for Scotland, and 6 for Ireland; 12 for the back of Scotland to intercept trade, and 4 for the guard of the colliers.

(7.) The main body with the rest, to be ready by the end of March, but those for the back of Scotland to be then at their station.

(8.) A large magazine of victuals, masts, and other stores to be timely provided at Harwich.

(9.) So large a stock of ammunition, masts, and cordage to be provided that, after an engagement, we be not long without recruits, for want whereof the service may be much prejudiced. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 26. Leghorn. Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Notes from the letter of 12 December.

Contrary to what I wrote, the Dutch squadron are not going home, but coming hither with their booty, obtained at the Straits' mouth, which they intend to divide and sell here. They were seen 50 leagues off three days since, so they may be expected every hour.

When I understood, by letters from England, that the State had sent 80 men-of-war to the Narrow Seas, I thought at least 20 of them were designed for the Straits, as such a fleet would not find anything to do in the Channel, the Dutch being disabled by the late storm from appearing until next spring. A Dunkirk frigate, laden with currants for England, has been taken at Tunis. [¾ *page. With his letter of* 12 *Dec.* 1653.]

Dec. 26. Dover. **65.** Abra. Stock to Edw. Marston. I am much engaged to you for your continual care; notwithstanding this great alteration, you are still trying to accomplish my business and Capt. Goulding's, and I am in better hopes by reason that your old friend is one of the secretaries, and in time you may doubtless have your former employment. I hope Mr. Rouse will assist my business. Mr. Cullen has not yet arrived, but when he does, I will procure and send his letter. I shall very willingly accept your offer of the prize at Rye, if you send the price and other particulars, and after a view of her, I will make an offer. [¾ *page.*]

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Dec. 27. **66.** Petition of Frances Coleman, widow, to the Council of State for relief for herself and 2 small children. Her husband, Wm. Coleman, served in the John and Katherine, and was slain in the engagement of 31 July last. Has obtained 8*l.*, but it is not enough, one of her children being lame. [½ *page.*]

[Dec. 27.] **67.** Petition of Capts. Wm. Rance and Giles Horsington, for themselves and 300 surveyors, clerks, and messengers, to the Protector.

Most of them have served under 3 Acts for sale of traitors' lands, on their own charges and in remote parts. Have long since finished their work, bringing in large sums by their discoveries, and contracted such debts that some are imprisoned, and others in danger of it. Their necessities appear by an order of the Committee for Petitions. Having waited many months, some 100, some 200 miles away from home, beg an order to the Drury House trustees to pay them before other incident charges. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

67. I. *Order in the Committee for Petitions that the petition and papers of the Drury House trustees, being abstracts of the charges of their surveyors and clerks, be presented to Parliament, with the opinion that* 20,000*l. should be paid the trustees on account for paying surveyors, &c., many of whom are in necessity by long forbearance, and for other incident charges.*—10 *Nov.* 1653. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. **68.** Order in Council that the trustees for sale of lands and estates forfeited for treason ascertain what is due to the surveyors, clerks, and messengers in the service, and distribute among them 10,000*l.* proportionately. The treasurers of this fund to pay to the said surveyors, &c. such sum as the trustees shall give warrant for, provided it exceed not 10,000*l.*, and the trustees to ascertain what is due above the 10,000*l.*, and certify. [*Also I.* 75, *p.* 16.] *Annexing,*

68. I. *Warrant by Council to the Drury House trustees to fulfil the above order.*—*Whitehall,* 29 *Dec.* 1653. [¾ *page, copy.*]

Dec. 27. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Mr. Thurloe, secretary of Council, to take speedy course for perfecting what is further to be done to fit for the press the Instrument entitled "The Government of England, Scotland, and Ireland," that being perfected, it may be printed for public service.

3. An Ordinance appointing a Committee for the better ordering of the duty of Excise and arrears thereof read the first time, and ordered to be read again to-morrow.

4. In the oath administered to officers in the city of London, the engagement is to be taken away, and the same oath administered as formerly. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 16, 17.]

Dec. 27. Dover. **69.** Lionel Roberts to the Navy Commissioners, Tower Hill. I have been at Dover pier ever since 1 Dec., with provisions for the stores at Portsmouth. Our fleet then went into the road, and never since has there been any likelihood of convoy and there is no going

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without, so that I am daily at great charges, with no likelihood of proceeding. I am a poor man taken off my employment, and shall be undone without money. [⅔ *page.*]

[Dec. 28.] **70.** Petition of the church and parishioners of Clapham, and inhabitants of the adjacent parishes in Sussex, to the Protector and his Council. Sam. Wilmer, their pastor, has been zealous in gathering the scattered saints into one body to enjoy gospel ordinances, but he is overwhelmed with incident charges, has been at great charge in repairs, paid first fruits, arrears to Magdalen College, Oxford, and a yearly rent, so that he can hardly maintain a great family, yet is tender of being a burden to them. Beg that as Mr. Whetstone, minister of Patching, only ½ a mile distant, is dead, the rectories may be united, and bestowed on Mr. Wilmer. 52 signatures. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

70. I. *Certificate by* 5 *ministers, viz: Fras. Cheynell, Petworth; Nath. Hillon, Billinghurst; John Tredcroft, West Grinstead; John Chatfield, Horsham; and John Buckley, Shipley, in favour of Mr. Wilmer.* [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 28.] **71.** Petition of John Druett, churchwarden, and 12 other inhabitants of Patching [to the Protector], in favour of the union of the parishes, as it was the last request of their dying pastor, and "the words of dying men are remarkable," and also as the living is of very small value. [1 *page,* 13 *signatures.*]

Dec. 28. Reference of both petitions to the justices of peace near, who are to certify whether the grant is convenient, and how it stands as to the right of presentation. [*I.* 75, *p.* 19.]

Dec. 28. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on representation of Committee for Accounts and Public Debts, that liberty be given to the Earl of Worcester, prisoner in the Tower, to go in charge of the Lieutenant to Worcester House, to give evidence to that Committee on an information of Lord Herbert's now before them, and return to the Tower.

3. The Committee for Inspections to treat with the persons who are to receive debts due from the commonwealth out of the Excise, and payable 1st Jan. next, for continuance of the debts, at interest charged on the Excise, for a time longer. Sir Wm. Roberts and Capt. Stone to take care hereof.

4, 9. To advise his Highness that the members of Council should meet constantly at 9 a.m. on sitting days, or pay 2*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Jessop for the poor, for every default, without a reasonable excuse allowed by the President. Council not to sit after 1 p.m. without order; to sit only in the morning on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; on Friday both morning and afternoon, and on Saturday not at all, without special order from his Highness. Confirmed by the Protector.

5. **67.** Mr. Scobell to join with the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, &c. to prepare an Ordinance for reviving the powers of

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the said Committee, with blanks for the names of Commissioners, and for the time of continuance, and bring it to-morrow morning.

6–8. The Ordinance for the better ordering of Excise read the second time, the names inserted and blanks filled up, agreed to, for presentation to his Highness, presented, and ordered by him to be engrossed.

11. The prisoners under charge of the Lieutenant of the Tower, who are out on bail, to be summoned by him to take new bonds to the Lord Protector, as they did formerly to Parliament.

12. Cooper, Strickland, and Jones to be a Committee for the Tower, to consider the payment of the two last quarter books, to prepare a new establishment for regulating the offices and officers, and report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 17–19.]

Dec. 29. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Jones, Wolsley, and Montague, to prepare an Ordinance for renewing the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall, and insert what persons and powers shall be continued. Scobell to assist.

3. **72.** Scobell to desire counsel to prepare an Ordinance for taking away the engagement, providing that it be not henceforth imposed on any officer, that any persons who have been prejudiced in suits by not taking it have that prejudice taken off, and that mention be made in the preamble of a tenderness of multiplying promissory oaths, further than is necessary for public safety.

4. Col. Sydenham to give speedy account of the business of the revenue.

6. Mr. Jessop to acquaint the Levant Company that their petition shall be considered and answered with the first convenience. Meanwhile his Highness and Council will take all care to protect and encourage navigation and trade.

7. The Ordinance for Excise read the third time, passed for a law, and ordered to be printed and published.

8. Also that appointing a Committee for preservation of Customs.

9. The petition of Francis Allen, major to Col. Ingoldsby's regiment, for an allowance for fire and candles for the guards, referred to the Army Committee, to consider what allowance is fit, and grant a warrant.

12. Order that the trustees at Drury House forbear for two months making sale of Saltrum farm and house near Plymouth, formerly belonging to Sir James Bagg.

13. Order by his Highness' special direction, that Council receive and consider all reports made by the Admiralty Judges or other Committee, on orders of the late Council of State, and give such final order as they think fit.

14, 15. An Ordinance for a Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries read the first and second time, the names inserted and blanks filled; and presented to his Highness, who ordered it to be engrossed. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 20–22.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Council to the Commissioners in Ireland. The enclosed petition of Alex. Grey, setting forth the losses in Ireland by Wm. Birkin, under whose relict he claims, was referred to you by the late Council

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of State, a little before the change of that Council, but the reference not being perfected, the petition has been renewed, and the former order and reference confirmed. You are therefore to examine the case, and relieve him out of the estate of Osolle Beere, complained of as the great occasion of the damage. [*I.* 75, *p.* 23.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Council to the Commissioners in Scotland. To like effect, the losses complained of being the demolishing of Grey's houses at Leith by the Parliament forces. [*I.* 75, *p.* 23.]

Dec. 29. The Swiftsure, Stokes Bay. **73.** Gens. Monk and Penn to the Generals of the fleet. We hear from General Desborow that there are a considerable number of Dutch merchant ships homeward bound from several ports in St. Martin's Island, which concurs with what we have formerly heard, and we suppose this last easterly wind has brought them into the westwardly wind's way, and hope they will not escape the party of frigates under Capt. Bowen, now plying between the Isle of Wight and Cape Barfleur, and those plying at almost every headland, and on the French coast, and we apprehend our nimble frigates will better answer the service than a main body in the Channel this winter.

We have ordered Capt. Bourne to endeavour an embodying with us on the first coming up of an easterly wind, as we will then sail from hence with the main body, and ply in that station, or where else may most conduce to the intercepting of any ships that wind may bring from the Holland coast.

There are 5 prizes lately taken by our frigates which came from Nantes, 4 of which are in this road, and the other sent to Dover by the Kentish. We will appoint Capt. Motham to the first vacancy. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 30. Navy Office. **74.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee. The sad news of the unparallelled loss of two New England ships with 54 masts has reached us, and we beg that the Generals may be directed to strictly examine the captains, as they were taken but 14 leagues from the Land's End, and brought through the Channel to Flushing in 6 days, meeting no frigate of ours, and those who took them lay a whole day feasting off Dungeness.

We are hastening the other ships bound for New England, and want their lading, letters of credit, &c. hastened down. We shall act on your verbal assent about bills of exchange on the treasurer, till we have your order signed. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 31.] **75, 76.** Ordinance by the Protector and Council appointing Col. Wm. Sydenham, Col. Edw. Montague, Sir Wm. Roberts, Edw. Cressett, Wm. Goffe, Hezekiah Haynes, Ald. Rob. Tichborne, and Gervase Bennett, Commissioners for inspecting the treasuries, to inquire into the true state of the several treasuries, the salaries allowed for collecting, the charges upon them as debts by authority of Parliament, and the interest payable.

Also how all the revenues can best be brought into one channel, and managed with least charge, and needless officers and salaries discharged. Also to consider how to improve the revenue, and

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especially to pay off debts charged on the Excise, compositions, sequestrations, &c. They are then to give an account to the Protector. All persons concerned in the receiving or paying of money to give their best assistance.

They are also, on certificate of the Admiralty Committee of the money requisite for the navy, to issue orders for its payment to the appointed treasury. This Ordinance to last till 1 May 1654. [2 *copies*, 2 *pages each.*]

Dec. 31. **77.** Ordinance by the Protector and Council for continuing the powers of the Commissioners for Compounding, the Commissioners for Advance of Money, and the Commissioners of Indemnity, until 1 February 1654, and appointing Samuel Moyer, Josias Berners, Rich. Moore, Jno. Upton, Edw. Cary, and Rice Williams to put in execution the powers before given to the former Commissioners. [3 *pages, printed.*]

Dec. 31. **78.** Petition of Rich. Hutchinson to the Protector. When I was made Navy Treasurer, 200,000*l.* a year, the average of 7 years' action during the late wars, was proposed to me by the Navy Committee for which I was to have 1,000*l.* a year, being ⅓ of the salary allowed former treasurers; but if the action increased, an addition was promised; it did so increase that I issued 2,400,000*l.*, and former treasurers would have had above 30,000*l.*, whereas I had only 4,000*l.* and had to pay all my instruments. I beg the promised increase of allowance. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 31. 12. Order in Council that Hutchinson continue Navy Treasurer till 1st January 1655, salary during the time, and in consideration of former losses and expenses, to be 2,500*l.*, for payment of which at convenient times the Navy Commissioners shall sign warrants in the usual manner, that he may take an allowance upon account. In addition to which he shall receive 100*l.* for every 100,000*l.* he shall disburse in the year, over and above the sum of 1,300,000*l.* [*I.* 75, *p.* 25.]

Dec. 31. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1–3. Sir A. A. Cooper reports an Ordinance for continuing the powers to the Committee for Compounding, for Advance of money and for Indemnity, which was this day read the first and second times, the names inserted and blanks filled up, agreed to, presented to the Lord Protector, passed for a law, and ordered to be printed and published.

4. The letter to his Highness from Edinburgh, of 24 December, referred to the Committee to whom the ordinance for Scotland is referred, to report.

5. The Committee who brought in the Ordinance for reviving the powers of the Commissioners for Compounding, &c., to examine the powers of the said Commissioners, and of the Committee for Advance, and the state of that whole business and revenue, and prepare an Ordinance for settling it against 1st February next. Mr. Strickland added to that Committee.

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Dec. 31. 7. The Ordinance appointing a Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries read the third time, agreed to, and passed for a law.

8. The desire of Lieut.-Col. Biscoe, for an allowance of fire and candles for the guards at Chester, referred to the Army Committee, to make what allowance they think fit, and give a warrant for payment.

10, 11. The petitions of Wm. Kiffin and others, for the free passage of the St. Michael of Hamburg to Bordeaux; and of Peter Dacton of Barnstaple, for restitution of the George Bonaventure, seized by a Brest man-of-war, and retaken by the Nonsuch, referred by the Lord Protector to Council, to do as they think fit.

13. Whereas by the Act for disafforestation of forest lands, Sir John Jacob, Sir Job Harby, and the late farmers of Customs were to pay in before 1 Jan. next 100,000*l.*, and whereas they have sued for 14 days' more time:—order that if they pay in to-day 40,000*l.* they shall have till 16 Jan. to pay in the remaining 60,000*l.*, but the acquittances shall be signed for the whole 100,000*l.*, and shall remain with the treasurers till 16 Jan., and be vacated if the whole sum is not then paid, and particular receipts only given for what is paid; the interest to be regulated according to the times of payment. If they fail to complete their payment at that time, they are to lose the benefit of the Act as to all unpaid remainders.

14. The petition of the wives and relations of 40 captives in Sally and Barbary, late of the company of the ship Blessing, referred to the Committee for regulating the Excise and Customs, to consider and take order for the relief of the captives.

15. **79.** The Admiralty Committee to examine and state the account of Rear-Admiral Badiley for receipts and disbursements in his late voyage to the Straits, and report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 24–27.]

Dec. 31. Whitehall. Council to the justices of peace near Clapham, Sussex. The Protector has been petitioned by the church at Clapham and inhabitants of Patching that, on account of the smallness of the livings, and the zeal and piety of Mr. Wilmer, pastor of Clapham, the profits of both livings might be settled on him. His Highness, wishing to encourage Wilmer, and yet not to prejudice the right of patronage, refers the matter to you, to inquire into the truth of what is alleged in the petition which we enclose, and state it, and also how the right of patronage stands, and whether the granting of what is desired will be convenient, that such answer may be given as his Highness judges meet. [*I.* 75, *p.* 29.]

Dec. 31. The Swiftsure, Portsmouth. **80.** Jno. Fowler, Judge Advocate, to the Admiralty Committee. I send a copy of the orders of the Generals made at a council of war, which it has taken my whole time to distribute amongst the fleet. You will see the power they give to commanders, and the care taken for preventing the like sad accidents by fire as befel the Sussex frigate and others; as also the punishments inflicted on officers and men for misdemeanors and mutiny, wherein mercy is blended with justice.

I am sorry to observe the jugglings of the Dutch, but from that

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Dec. 31. unworthy people, nothing better was to be expected. They trust to an arm of flesh, the French, the Dane, and perhaps hope a conjuncture with Sweden, but they may fail. I hope God, who has so mightily stood for us, will not give us over a prey to them. Their former success might have taught them to desire an honourable and well grounded peace, but whatever be their expectations from extraneous nations, God being on our side, there are more with us than with them. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

80. I. *Order in a council of war, held by Generals Blake and Monk, and Admirals Jno. Desborow and Wm. Penn, for prevention of abuses and accidents on board the fleet:—*

1. *That no person shall presume, after the watch is set, to have any candles lighted between decks, or in any other part of any vessel in the service, except such as are necessary for the ship's use, and those to be carried in lanterns only; and that none but such be used in the hold under pain of severe punishment; the officers are to take special care hereof, and the Marshal-General, and his deputies at the several stations, to take all offenders into immediate custody, and retain them until censured.*

2. *No tobacco to be taken between the decks of the Swiftsure or any other vessel of war, or in the hold or cabins, under the same penalty, and the several officers to have a vigilant eye thereto, to bring all delinquents to justice.*

3. *No strong water or other drink to be sold on board this or any other vessel in the service, whereby mariners may become intoxicated and rendered incapable and refractory, and thus many mischances and mischiefs ensue; any breach thereof to be under most severe censure and punishment.*

4. *Copies hereof to be dispersed throughout the several ships, and a copy affixed, with the captain's name thereto, in some convenient place in each ship.—Signed by J. Fowler, Judge Advocate,* 17 *Dec., Swiftsure.* [1 *page.*]

80. II. *Order in a council of war on board the Swiftsure. Benjamin Michell, boatswain of the Rosebush, for being frequently drunk and abusive towards the master and mates, to be ducked and turned ashore. Wm. Hancock, carpenter's mate of the Hound, for drunkenness, swearing, and uncleanness, to be cashiered, receive* 10 *lashes with a whip by the side of each flag-ship present, with a written paper on his hat stating his crime, a drum beating in the boat's head; and when within the platform at Portsmouth, to be towed at the boat's stern to Gosport, and the paper to be there read aloud before he is loosed.*

Wm. Hixe, Robt. Swain, Roger Morgan, Thos. Tailor, Wm. Edwards, Jno. Cooper, for mutiny on board the Portland and for striking the master, laying hands on the captain, and inducing others to the like mutiny, by shouting and crying "One and all," sentenced to

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death, but mercy being shown, their lives were spared; yet that justice might also have her course, and to prevent the like in others who may not expect the same favour hereafter, Hixe, Swain, and Morgan are to stand for the space of two glasses, with halters about their necks, each having his right hand nailed to the mainmast of the Swiftsure, and Tailor, Edwards, and Cooper, having also halters about their necks, are each to receive 30 *lashes with a whip, to be inflicted without the least favour. With note that the said sentences were all executed, and that copies hereof were to be dispersed by the Judge Advocate throughout the fleet.*—23 *Dec., Swiftsure.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 31. **81.** Petition of Edm. Edgard, shipwright of Great Yarmouth, to the Admiralty Committee, for a supply of masts for two ships building by him for the service, he having lost some in a ship taken by the Dutch, which were carried to Rotterdam with those of Major Burton. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to supply him out of the stores. [1 *page.*]

Dec. **82.** Petition of Sir John Dingley to the Protector, for payment of his arrears amongst the other creditors of the Queen of Bohemia. Has long served her as secretary, and had a salary from her of 400*l.* a year upon the pension assigned her by her father, and payable to the late Sir Ab. Williams, but on account of the late troubles in England, has received nothing. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Queen of Bohemia to Sir Ab. Williams. On request by my secretary Dingley to consider his estate, and provide for his subsistence, I will add to his former allowances* 400*l. a year, which I assign on my pension in your receipt. Hague, 6 December* 1641. *With note from Williams that he has never been able to pay any of this money.*—18 *October* 1649. [1 *page, copy.*]

Dec. ? **83.** Petition of Wm. Tisdale to the Admiralty Committee, for a ticket for his prize money, not having wherewith to procure a meal or a night's lodging. Being of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment, was sent to sea and served four months in the Diamond. Was discharged 19 Oct., and returning sick to the regiment, was cast off, and exposed to much want, and can gain no "right or respect at all." [½ *page.*]

Dec. ? **84.** Petition of Wm. Savell for Thos. Catron, his master, to the Protector. Has long solicited for monies disbursed by Catron in repair of Tilbury fort, and at great charge, got warrants 4 November 1651 and 30 July 1653 from the late Council of State for payment, but had not full payment; and now, by reason of the change of Government, Capt. Fauconberg will not pay the remainder. Catron has undergone great sorrows in prison and by suits at law for goods taken up for the State, and will suffer more through want of this money. Begs an order for the balance. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

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84. I. *Warrant by the late Council of State to Fauconberg to pay to Catron the monies due for work on Tilbury fort*—30 *July* 53. [⅔ *page, copy.*]

Dec. ?. **85.** Petition of Capt. Peter Pryaulx, Geo. Gregory, and Jos. Denham and Co., to the Protector and Council. Last February, [*see* 8 *Feb.* 1653] we presented to the then Council of State a proposal to find and use a coal mine in the New Forest, Hants, which they approved, as did the late Council a like petition, which they referred to Col. Norton and Mr. Mayo, both of the county, who thought the business should be encouraged. It was then presented to the Irish and Scotch Committee, on whose approval it was referred to Parliament and by them to the Committee for Trade, who authorised Mr. Mayo and Sweet to make an agreement with the proposers, allowing them to dig at their own charges for 30 years in the limits prescribed, allowing the State ⅛ of the profit, and Col. Bennett was to report this to the House. We have been at great charges, and beg an order according to this agreement. [1 *page.*]

Dec. ?. **86.** Petition of Col. Thos. Pride, John Thorne, Geo. Horne, and Thos. Edgley, sequestrators to provide for the cure of Bartholomew the Less, London, to the Protector and Council, for a prolongation of their powers. By order of the Committee of Plundered Ministers and the late Council of State, have faithfully provided for the refreshing the spirits of those who attend the ministry there, but their orders having expired, they fear things may return "into their old malignant channel." [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

86. I. *Order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers appointing them to provide for the said cure, gather the rents, and pay the minister for six months.*—15 *October* 1652. [1 *page.*]

86. II., III. *Orders in the late Council of State continuing their powers for six months and three months.*—12 *May and* 3 *October* 1653. [2 *papers.*]

Dec. ? **87.** Report to the Protector in the case John Bilton, that he attended the forces under his Highness in 1651, and was at great expense in following the army with the treasure under his charge, and that 10*s.* a day, for himself, servant, and horse, is a reasonable allowance. If he was not then a servant of the then Treasurers-at-war, and paid by them, he should be paid from the contingencies of Council. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

Dec. **88.** ——— to his friends. We embarked in the G.O.C. [General Oliver Cromwell] and after many adventures, and tossings, doubled the Cape of Good Hope, came to harbour, and set to repairing our ships, expecting the Speaker, Self-seeker, Intelligence, Reformation, Dissension, Interloper, and other vessels which were to rendezvous there, and which came up 3 Oct. We made hay whilst the sun shone (the natives being brought so low that we needed not to fear them), and divided the country, lands, houses, orchards, woods, &c. to the several adventurers, according to their merits. But as many persons

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Dec. who had embarked in the G. O. C,, on some dissatisfaction, had forsaken it and gone aboard the Dissension, thus discouraging the adventurers, we decided that none of these should have any martial authority, or be admitted to council to determine anything concerning the State, nor share in the estates of the heathenish natives.

Passing by the outrages committed on the natives, those who had betaken themselves to the Dissension sailed N. by W. and carried with them the Reformation, and an old ship of great burden, called the Covenant. They agreed to take part with the natives, and despatched a small hoy called the Turnsail, with articles to be ratified by the Prince of the natives, which was done, and confirmed by oath. Thereupon a declaration was issued against the adventurers, who forthwith manned their old ship the G. O. C., and sailed away with a company of select mariners and soldiers, and on 1 Dec. came in sight of the Reformation, which kept to the windward, having the Covenant ready to fall in if required. After some encounters, the G. O. C. sprung a leak, and many of our men were troubled with sickness, so that we were forced to submit to necessity, hoisted sail, and floated into a creek called Desperation.

The Reformation, Dissension, and Covenant pursued and lay directly in the road, which much discouraged our mariners, but we soon recollected ourselves, manned a strong ship which always attended the G. O. C., called the Resolution, and by help of a strong gale, attacked the ships, shot through the Covenant, she escaping by towing herself to the Dissension, and sank the Reformation, taking out her tackling and colours as a memorial of our victory.

The Dissension and Covenant kept together, repaired their breaches, and resolved to run into harbour and try a land engagement. They incited the natives to free themselves from the cruelty of the adventurers, ordered the colours of the Covenant to be lodged with those which the natives formerly carried, with many other ceremonies submitted to by the natives as motives to amity. They marched in order to a place where they resolved to try their own courage and that of their adversaries, who still sailed in their old ship, the G. O. C. She set the men ashore; we drew towards the enemy, who had fortified the place and were resting, and before many days gave the onset.

We soon decided the controversy, made them run 9 ways at once, and had the precious opportunity of uncasing our old friends, then defeated enemies, much to our own satisfaction and that of others. For the ships, the Covenant was incapable of service, and the Dissension we used to transport some persons of wild principles to several ports of the nation, the mariners that managed her being willing to please all parties that came aboard. We hoped she would stand us in good stead in some difficult passages which required mariners skilled in cross and boisterous seas, but the effect thwarted our expectation.

Having again brought the G. O. C. into a secure harbour, with the Dissension, Interloper, Intelligencer, and 2 pinnaces, the Policy and Deceit, we left the Covenant in the north, amongst certain isles called the Oracles of the Kirk, putting as captain an

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old soldier, who was a Monk of the order of St. Sebastian (a good commander, and had served before in the Interloper), who kept company with the Intelligencer, and they had the pinnace Deceit and a long boat the Turnsail for their convenience.

Capt. Monk insinuated very discreetly into the admiral of the G. O. C., who sent the Intelligencer to barter with him. This gave much life to the navy, and especially to the admiral, who had betaken himself to the Dissension, finding the G. O. C. grown very heavy, and the pilot so conceited that they would needs sail stern forward, which was ridiculous in itself, and gave much dissatisfaction to the rest of the fleet; and in conclusion, the admiral called a council aboard the Dissension, wherein they agreed to abandon the G. O. C. and build another ship, which they named the Protector, and was a strong ship all built of the heart of oak. [*7 pages of a small book of 24 pages, containing also some notes of weights and measures, and a note in the same hand, about the writer's being cast into prison, and only saved by the gaoler's kindness from perishing for want of bread.*]

Dec. ? **89.** Breviate of reports ordered to be made to Parliament, recommending the payment of the following debts by the Commissioners for Public Debts, viz.:

	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Capt. Jno. Mynn, son of Thos. Mynn, harbinger to the late King, but active in service of the State, arrears of a grant of 5,000*l.* under the Great Seal of 28 Mar. 1638	3,700	0	0
William Whittacre, for loss of horses and waggon in the service of the State, by order of Parliament, 25 Aug. 1642	100	0	0
Lady Leigh, widow of Sir Dan. Leigh, Bart., and afterwards wife of Capt. Jno. Cheswis, slain in the service, who lost a great estate in Ireland, for arrears of salary due to her second husband, besides the arrears for 4 years of a pension of 40*s.* a week granted her out of Haberdashers' Hall	256	3	7
Hen. Wollaston, late keeper of Newgate, disbursements for prisoners from 1641–1643	721	4	6
Ann Dickens, widow, 14 years' arrears of an annuity of 300*l.* purchased by her husband for 2,100*l.*, being part of 1,600*l.* a year granted to Sir Sackville Crowe under the Great Seal, out of the revenue arising from wine licences, which annuity was her only dowry	1,750	0	0
Roger French, arrears of a pension of 40*l.* a year granted him in lieu of 400*l.* due for fresh water fish supplied to the late King and his household	440	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
Ann Leakers, *alias* Kinman, widow, with 4 children in great want, for gold and silver taken from her under pretence of an order of Sir Jno. Maynard that she was a malignant and Papist - -	1,000	0	0
Jno. Bland, merchant, for the value of wine and other commodities seized while in the possession of his partner, Andrew King, a delinquent, Bland having cleared himself to be well affected - - - - - -	2,480	16	8
Edw. Birkhead, Serjeant-at-arms, some compensation for being maligned by Hen. Jones, who alleged that he took bribes to set prisoners at liberty - -	—		
Elizabeth Fletcher, widow, arrears due to her husband employed in the service -	446	4	6
Mary and Sarah Brett, daughters of Sir Alex. Brett, whom the late King sent for, from his command in Holland, to serve him, and having lost his life therein, granted them an annuity of 100*l.* apiece out of the Ordnance Office, of which nothing has been paid since 1640	—		
Grace, relict of Wm. Sykes, for payment of 85*l.*, and security for a balance of 428*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* due to her husband, making - - - - -	513	10	3
Thos. Fisher, merchant, for the loss of the Bennet of Sandwich, while carrying provisions to Ireland, and interest for 10 years - - - - - -	2,098	12	0
Ladies Holcroft, Burlace, and Levingston, Mrs. Bray and Hobson, Mr. Blandue, and others, arrears of annuities granted by the late King - - - - -	—		
Servants necessary to be employed by the Committee, viz., Capt. Joseph Larke, clerk, and Christ. Fist, his assistant, 120*l.* a year; Jno. Sparrow and Wm. Blundell, messengers, 30*l.* a year each. [4 *pages.*]	—		

Dec. ? **90.** Anne, widow of John Calvert, to Gen. Desborow. I beg that, though my husband died of a surfeit, I may not be slighted more than others in like case, who have had their 20*l.* and I not a penny. Pray give me something to keep me alive meantime. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. ? **91.** Samuel Horsington to Ralph Parker. Now or never help me, or else I perish in my process; although I jest I am serious, so send me your attestation notorial that you made the agreement between Coult and myself, and that there was a general acquittance given on both sides between master and servant; and whatever it costs

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I will return it by the bearer. Do not forget to mention his promise to pay Mr. Roberson, and this in the Dutch tongue, so that it may stand in law; if you do not return this within 14 days, I am like to lose my process. [1 *page.*]

Dec. ? **92.** Information of Hen. Symball, messenger.

1. Being driven into Yarmouth by storm, last Michaelmas, the postmaster, bailiffs and Mr. Kellett, of Golston, refused him horses to ride post to Sould; and Capt. Johnson of Yarmouth reviled him for taking one, which he found, as authorised by his warrant. [*See* 27 *May* 1653.]

2. Johnson being asked to peruse the warrant, treated it scornfully, and tore it, though it had the Council [of State]'s seal, and said it was but a colour for stealing his horse.

3. He also tried to force away Council's packet of letters.

4. After the post hire was laid down, he tried to force away the horse, and neither Kellett nor the constable who stood by would interfere.

5. He threatened Peter Cornelius, captain of a vessel appointed to carry the packets, who said he must witness the abuse.

6. He arrested Cornelius for this, and for his service in pressing the horse, and forced him to pay 3*l.* 10*s.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. ? **93.** Petition of the Adventure's company to the Admiralty Committee, against their captain, John Best. He is drunken, and when they chase the enemy, he runs about like a madman, beats his company, and puts the ship out of trim, either from fear or favour of the enemy. Beg another commander. [½ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

93. I. *Articles against Capt. Best, May—Dec.* 1653; *e.g., drunkenness, neglect of duty, cruelty to his men, misconduct in not chasing the enemy, and thus losing prizes.* 43 *signatures,* 17 *being by mark.* [1½ *sheets.*]

Dec. ? **94.** Charge by Capt. John Best and several of the Company, against the gunner, Chas. Byard, for disobedience to orders, making false accusations, and encouraging a spirit of mutiny against his captain, swearing, quarrelling, &c. [1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. ? **95.** Petition of the preservators of the Forest of Dean, for themselves and the gentry, freeholders, and inhabitants, to the Committee for removing obstructions in the sale of Crown lands. Hearing that surveyors have been measuring a parcel of waste land, called Whitemead Park, which was never enclosed, but only hedged and ditched by the fee-farmers as a pound for stray cattle, for which a rent was paid to the Crown (though the enclosing it as a pound was an usurpation, and the fee-farmer never dared to cut the timber thereon), beg that no grant may be made thereof, the case being agitated by one that had a prime hand in the destruction of timber in the forest. [½ *page.*]

Dec. ? **96.** Statement of the rights of the freeholders and commoners to commons, house boot, fire boot, &c. in the forest. Five years ago, Parliament stopped the ironworks in the forest because of the de-

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struction of timber; but now one is opened again, and others to be built. The place of constable of the court is one of honour rather than profit. Fee, 10*l.*; with deer and trees, fees from fines, the right of holding the hundred court, &c. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. ? **97.** Petition of Lieut. Ant. Robins to the Admiralty Committee. The Ordnance Committee, 15 March 1653, empowered me to repair to Gloucester, Bristol, Chester, Worcester, Liverpool, Beaumaris, and Hereford, and send all their ordnance, powder, ammunition, &c. to London. You also, on 23 March 1653, empowered me to press mariners on the Severn, and send them to Bristol, and to go from thence to Portsmouth, both which I performed in 96 days, but have received no payment. The Ordnance Committee say I should have 10*s.* a day; I have waited long, and all but myself that were so employed have been paid. [1 *page.*]

Dec. ? **98.** Petition of Wm. Roffe to the Protector, to be one of his Highness's guard, having served in his own troop as trooper, and been faithful through the wars. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. ? **99.** Petition of John Tailyeor, late master of the Dolphin, belonging to Benj. Brease, merchant of Leith, to Gen. Desborow. I and the rest of the crew having received much loss by the abuse of Wm. Brandley, late captain of the Essex, and being put to great trouble and expense to recover our rights, and reduced to great poverty, beg your consideration of our grievances, and your help in procuring redress. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

99. I. *Grievances of Capt. John Taylor. I went from Leith to Dantzic with passes of Col. Lilburne and the Admiralty Committee, and in returning on* 20 *August* 1653, *being storm-driven, I went to* 3 *English frigates for help. Capt. Brandley, on the Essex, sent for me and my mate, and though I showed him my passes, and begged him to consider the worth of my ship, he got us both on his ship, carrying us twice to the coasts of England and again to Holland. I was at last sent for to go aboard the Admiral, but Brandley first plundered my ship, taking away* 3 *boats full of goods, all my clothes, books, instruments, &c., and all my men except* 7, *and then sent me away in the ship, having even taken our provisions.* [1 *sheet.*]

[Dec.] **100.** Address of John Manley, farmer of the Posts, to Col. Montague and Sir Gilbert Pickering. Last June I contracted for the farm of the foreign and inland Post for 2 years, at 10,000*l.*, rent, and was to have the carriage of all letters except those sent by known carriers.

After I had accepted the charge, I was requested to pay my rent quarterly beforehand, I suppose because I was a stranger to the Committee, and they did not know what estate I owned. This I did, even when the farm was violently prosecuted against during the last Parliament.

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But the contract is not made good by suppressing all other letter-carriers, to my damage of 1,000*l.* at least. I beg that all such contemners of authority may be suppressed. Also I beg that I may not in future be obliged to pay my rent beforehand, and that my contract may be confirmed for a longer time, as I have been at great charge in erecting post stages, and intend to set up more, especially in Ireland. Also I am willing to settle packet boats between England and Spain. Therefore, as my term has only 18 months to run, if I go to these expenses, they will become the spoil of the succeeding farmer. With list of 10 places where persons carry letters without warrant. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. ? **101.** Private instructions [by John Manley ?] to the deputy postmasters. To take care of the despatch of all his Highness's packets. To attend in person, if possible, if not to choose discreet deputies. To be careful in the choice of riders ; not to allow them to receive private packets or letters, and if any such are given them, to send them up to me.

To suffer no mail to be opened without my leave. To have all letters given on the road put into the mail, and certify the number of letters to the office in London. To be vigilant, as opportunity may offer, to discover any designs against his Highness or the State, and give notice to the commanders of the nearest garrisons.

Not to permit any to ride post from London without warrant of his Highness, Council, the Generals of the fleet, Admiralty and Navy Commissioners, or myself.

Not to allow posthorses at other stages without examination of the applicant before a magistrate, when you are to give him a certificate, sending up copies of such certificates.

To keep a book of the names and qualities of all who ride post, and to inquire whether any are disaffected or dangerous, and if so, take and keep them in safe custody till you give me notice.

To take account of all travellers lodging in inns in your town, and if they are disaffected, or of the late King's party, or have come from beyond seas without license, do your best to keep them in custody till you give me notice; if you cannot do this by aid of the civil officers, ask the help of the officers and forces next you.

Have an eye upon the disaffected who live near you ; observe their meetings and conversations, and give me notice.

Do not communicate these instructions to any, but use them for justifying your actions when needful. [1 *sheet, printed.*]

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102. Petition of Job and Sam. Allibond, Abr. Van Solt, and other posts established for foreign parts, to Capt. Gen. Cromwell and the Council of State. We were admitted to our places under the Great Seal, granted to De Quester, as Postmaster General, who sold his place to Thos. Witherings, covenanting that we should retain ours, yet Witherings ousted us, and took the whole benefit ; though what he bought was only $\frac{1}{10}$, as a fee for his office, out of the returns

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of our voyages. We beg a hearing, though willing to lay down our right for the public use, believing it may raise a benefit of some thousands. [1 *page.*]

103. Petition of Capt. Rob. Blackleach to the Admiralty Committee, for the command of a ship in the present expedition. Left his merchandising to advance the public interest during the late troubles. After the fleet revolted in 1648, engaged many seamen and others to join Parliament; as a brother of the Trinity House, opposed the personal treaty, when the major part fell off, and others stood neuter. Engaged in the fleet against the revolters, and did good service. Then returned to his merchandising, but through the danger of the seas, has been twice taken and imprisoned at Dunkirk, and losing both ships and cargoes, is at a low ebb. [1 *page.*]

104. Petition of Sam. Gettings to the Navy Commissioners. Was long cook of the Peregrine, and bought the ticket of Rich. Williams of the Leopard, who was transferred to the Peregrine, but lost it with other things when the ship was surprised by the Dutch, and he and Mr. Davies, purser of the Leopard, were left wounded at Leghorn. Begs an order that Mr. Davies may make him another ticket. *With note in Italian:* Ei ci fa piu chiarezze che il suole, e ti ha ingannato, o ingannarti vuole. *Also in Latin:* Quid de quoque viro, et cui dicas sœpe caveto. Curas hominum quantum est rebus invito. Nemo mortalium omnibus horis sapit. Auriculas asini quis non habet? Aliquando bonus dormitat. Homerus sibi ipsi non semper justus. [1 *page.*]

105. Petition of Jas. Hales of Dover, a poor seaman, aged 60, master of the William of Dover, to the Admiralty Committee, for protection from impress for himself, a man, and a boy. Was once master of a good ship employed by merchants to Spain, but his ship and goods were taken by the Turks, and he carried to Algiers, and thence sold into slavery, in a place remote from the sea, where he remained 9 years, during which he should have provided for his old age. At last had an opportunity to escape, and got home to Dover, where his friends raised him a small hoy to coast between Dover and London, &c., which is his only means to get bread for himself and his poor old wife. [1 *page.*]

106. Petition of Anthony Hall, Jno. Stewart, Hugh Eccles, Wm. Stewart, Robert Naven, Robert Smith, John White, Simon Swaile, Robt. Agnew, Jas. Templeton, and other merchants of Ireland, to the Council of State, for a convoy from Chester to Carrickfergus. Have come to London in the way of their trade, and are returning to the north of Ireland, but find by the sad experience of some of their neighbours, who have been taken, that the seas between England and Ireland are much infested with pirates; and if they should be taken, it would redound not only to their utter undoing, having formerly sustained great loss, but also to the great prejudice of divers citizens of London with whom they trade, there being several vessels to go, of considerable value. [½ *page.*]

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107. Petition of the tenants and inhabitants of Hambledon, co. Rutland, to the Council of State. We have long been tenants to the manor belonging to the Duke of Buckingham, which was purchased 1½ years ago, from the trustees for sale of delinquents' lands by Thos. Waite, of Market Overton, member of the late Parliament, who pretended that he had a 6 years' lease, and promised us, if we would consent to the purchase, that he would make us new leases of our farms, at the former rents, and without diminution of our farms, and would not enclose our cow pastures without our consent. But if we refused, he said he would leave us neither house nor lands. We therefore allowed him to purchase at the old rent, and 72*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* improvement, though the lordship contains 2,244 acres.

But he has since lessened our farms, taking some to himself, forced us to enclose our pastures, or he would do it, refused to renew our leases unless we would double our rents, enclosed the water springs and turned the brook, so that we cannot get water without trespassing on enclosures, and will not suffer us to reap the corn we have sowed by his consent, unless we pay 10*s.* an acre for it.

The tenants, being 80 families, will thus be undone, 30 families of labourers thrown out of work, and the parish depopulated, as he says he will pull down houses as they become his by the death of the tenants. We are unwilling to remedy ourselves by tumultuous means, and therefore beg relief from you. [1 *page.*]

108. Petition of Thos. Herbert to General Cromwell. My father, Rich. Herbert, 40 years ago mortgaged for 700*l.* lands in co. Montgomery worth 300*l.* a year to Wm. Benion, and put him in possession of part thereof, value 90*l.* a year. Wm. Benion dying, the mortgage could not be redeemed in the minority of Thomas his son and heir, but in 1641, my elder brother William obtained a decree in Chancery for reconveyance of the lands to himself, on payment of the mortgage and interest.

He living far from Wales, by the corruption of his solicitor, Sir Edw. Salter, a master in Chancery, reported 2,100*l.* due to Benion, whereas he was more than paid from the profits, and owed 3,000*l.* to Herbert. But the 2,100*l.* not being paid, the lands were decreed to Benion.

I am now entitled to redeem the mortgage, partly as administrator of my mother Barbara, whose jointure thereon of 60*l.* a year was detained from her 20 years ago, and who died 18 months ago, and partly as assignee of my brother, and I exhibited a bill in Chancery, but could not obtain relief on account of the decree to Benion. I appealed against the decree but in vain, and now Thos. Benion intends to enter on the rest of the mortgaged lands, worth 140*l.* a year, and I and my family will be ruined, the case having depended 37 years in the late Court of Wards and in Chancery.

I beg your help for a rehearing and reversal of the decree, as mortgagees are intended to have their principal and interest, but not the lands mortgaged. [1 *sheet.*]

109. Petition of Henrique George Mendez, for the proprietors of 240 sacks of wool and 6 bags of cochineal imported in the St. George

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and Salvador, to the Admiralty Committee, for an order to the Admiralty Judges to determine their suits without delay. The advocate of the commonwealth has made all possible opposition, but though publication has been made, and many parcels of goods decreed, they will not hear this suit without special order, because of your order of the 4th instant, about the lading of the Morning Star and Augustine and other ships that fought. But the St. George and Salvador never resisted, and therefore their cases might be proceeded with. [⅔ *page.*]

110. Petition of Jonathan Randall to the Admiralty Committee, for the command of a small vessel, or a place as lieutenant or purser. Has been in the sea service 12 years, was 4 years on the coast of Ireland, and at the taking of most of the places of strength, knows the adjacent coast, and could command a vessel for their defence. Has always been faithful and orderly. [⅔ *page.*]

111. Like petition for the place of purser, for which he has long waited, having been purser in several ships. [1 *page.*]

112. Petition of Rob. Rich, surnamed Mordecai, on behalf of the Jews in England, Scotland, and Ireland, to Parliament. Ever since 1648 it was hoped that persecution for conscience' sake would cease, and truth and mercy take its place; but contrary thereto, these 3 last years hundreds in England have been cast into dungeons and prisons, some have perished, and others endured whippings, stonings, and spoiling of goods for matters concerning their law and conscience, though not transgressing one law of this nation. I beg that the innocent in all prisons throughout these nations may be set at liberty, and that if the sufferings of Jas. Naylor be not filled up, the rest may be acted in my body. [1 *page.*]

113. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Edw. Salmon to the Council of State, for payment of 622*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* disbursed by him for work done in the garrisons of Hull and Clifford's Tower, York. With reference thereon to the Ordnance Committee. [1 *page.*]

114. Petition of Thos. Taylor, gunner of the Sovereign, to the Admiralty Committee. Capt. Read has sent in a charge against me, that powder was wanting during part of the engagement, and that the Sovereign's guns did not reach so far as the Dutch ordnance. I had 2,000 or 3,000 cartridges fitted for my sundry guns, though the captain names a less number, and I did my best to deliver it out, but the yeoman demurred about delivering it, as the boys came down without the cases, and there was great danger in carrying it among lighted matches, and in such a hurry. I could not help my yeoman's miscarriage, for I was making shot out of a cannon of 7 inches, whereby the Dutch rear-admiral's mainmast was shot, and thus he was taken.

The reason why the Dutch guns carried further was that they used more powder, and carried their best long guns, whereas ours were only chase pieces; also that the Sovereign was to leeward, and

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therefore had not the same advantage of carrying shot as that which was to windward. If you are not satisfied, I beg you to appoint me a hearing, that I may be restored to my employment. [⅔ *page.*]

115. Petition of Capts. Edw. Thompson of the Ruth, and Sam. Sayer of the Sapphire, to the Admiralty Committee, for protection for their men from impress, their ships being of 400 and 300 tons, and they having but 30 and 25 men, too few to navigate with, unless they can get land men; but being damaged by embargo and impress, they must run the risk rather than be undone by delays. [1 *page.*]

116. Petition of Hen. Turner, late corporal of the Constant Warwick, to the Admiralty Committee. I had a son in the Fortune, in last February's engagement, where he lost his captain. The successor, Capt. Ant. Archer, took the ship to Ireland, and being at Kinsale, disposed of my son and two other youths, and I know not what has become of him, which is against all honesty and good conscience. I pray that as the captain is now at Bristol, you would summon him before you to give account of the lad. Many soldiers who were in the ship can prove the captain's unworthy dealing towards my son and others. [¾ *page.*]

117. Petition of Rich. Turner, mariner, to the Navy Committee. You gave me an order to the Admiralty Court for restitution of the George, now the Swallow of Liverpool, detained by Capt. Step. Rich. They granted a warrant of arrest against Rich for the bark and for damages, on which I arrested him in the Dee, and he put in bail to appear, but has since lived in Ireland, thus depriving me of the bark, by which I have been so reduced that I cannot live by my proper calling, and have been obliged to bear arms as a private soldier in my Lord General's own regiment. I beg orders to the Admiralty Court to force Rich's bail to restore me the bark, which he has had 7 years, and satisfy my damages for the use of it, &c. [1 *page.*]

118. Petition of Mary, widow of Jas. Warom, to the Admiralty Committee, for such relief as given to other widows. Her husband was clerk of the check in the Dolphin, under Capt. Wm. White, got overheated in the engagement with the Hollanders, June 1653, and died, leaving her in childbed and in great distress. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

118. I. *Certificate of Wm. White, captain, Paul Bush, surgeon, and Jas. Moodie, steward, of the Dolphin, in favour of the petition.* [⅔ *page.*]

119. Petition of the overseers and rulers of the Watermen's Company to the Admiralty Committee. According to warrants from you and the Navy Commissioners, we diligently impressed watermen and sent them to particular ships, but many were stopped in their passage, and sent to other ships. To prevent this, you granted us warrants for their release, and one of us, Nich. Osborne, went

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thereon to Gravesend. He was called on board the Gainsborough, and his boat searched for seamen. On his inquiring what watermen were there belonging to other ships, he was detained 2 days and nights by order of the master, and not released without special warrant from the Navy Commissioners, by which the 40 passengers and goods in his boat were exposed to great danger. We beg that the master may be summoned to answer his contempt of the Act of Parliament and your warrants, that so we may not lose time and money in the service. 4 signatures. Noted: "Master of the Gainsborough to pay 40*s*." [¾ *page*.]

120. Proposals of the rulers and pressmasters of the Watermen's Company. That proclamation be made, under such penalty as Parliament thinks fit, for all watermen and their servants who have absented themselves to return to their habitation.

That the rulers be enabled by Parliament to summon when needful all their members between Gravesend and Windsor to their hall, and to disfranchise and punish those who disobey the summons.

This would much promote the service, and bring in more men, and more serviceable ones. [⅔ *page*.]

121. Petition of the masters and inhabitants of Wells, Norfolk, and the adjacent parts, to the Admiralty Committee. Understanding that you had commissioned 2 convoys to take the whole fleet to Ireland, we expected the same benefit as Yarmouth ships and others, but when Capts. Thompson and Wilkinson came by our coast, they would not stay an hour, though we begged but one tide to come out, and the weather was good, so that our 11 sail are left. We beg speedy convoy, or not only our fishery adventurers will be disappointed, but many poor families, whose livelihoods depend thereon, will be undone. 42 signatures. [1 *sheet*.]

122. Petition of Abraham Woofe, mariner, to the Admiralty Committee, for the command of a ship. I have been at sea many years, and am now in the service, and had 4 sons in it, but one is since slain. I was most barbarously used by the Dutch, and deprived of my estate in the East Indies, value 3,000*l*., as is more fully expressed in my late book dedicated to the Council of State, entitled "The Tyranny of the Dutch against the English." [1 *page*.]

123. Like petition. Has behaved faithfully in his trust, and being out of employment, begs a lieutenant's place on one of the frigates now building. [½ *page*.]

124. Petition of Joseph Markendell and 27 other parishioners of Wolsingham to Sir Hen. Vane, and the other Commissioners of Parliament, to appoint Edw. Agas, who has a living at Gainford, to the living of Wolsingham, they being now without a minister, and not to appoint Geo. Shaw of Pittington, who has formerly made suit for it, as the whole parish "doth not at all affect him." [1 *page*.]

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125. Petition of Rich. Bulstrode, prisoner at Bruges, to the King, to pardon past errors, and restore him to his grace and favour, by ordering the payment of the fees and charges of his imprisonment. Is deeply sensible that for three years past he has lain under His Majesty's high displeasure, for his breach of trust in the place he conferred upon him, and as a just punishment for his great fault, has endured two years and several months' imprisonment, to the total ruin of himself and family, and the loss of one of his arms, and is likely to utterly perish in prison without His Majesty's favour. [1 *page.*]

126. Petition of Edw. Cooksey, prisoner in Bruges, to the King, for release, having been imprisoned 7 weeks without allowance, except 5*s.* Flemish from Capt. Lenthall. Is sorry to have been drawn by Watson to so base an action, but would have told Capt. Lenthall of it before execution. Served the late King 20 years, chiefly at his own charge. [1 *page.*]

127. Petition of Catherine Vanlone, widow, to the King, for relief. Has 68 guilders 8 stivers due to her for the lodging at her house in Bruges of Col. Rich. Palmer, one of his Majesty's servants, since 20 June last, which he promises to pay when he receives his wages from His Majesty. Is a very poor widow, and likely to starve without satisfaction. [⅔ *page.*]

128. Petition of Capt. Luke Whittington to the King, for an appointment as agent, collector, and factor to the men-of-war which he has already, or shall hereafter set out. There are several merchants willing to set out some men-of-war for His Majesty's service, provided petitioner has the management of the business, according to his commission, for all places under the power of the King of Denmark. Noted [by Sir E. Nicholas] that His Majesty leaves all business of this nature to the Duke of York, Lord High Admiral. [1½ *pages.*]

129. [Instructions given to an agent of Charles II. sent to England.] You are to acquaint the gentlemen you deal with that the King is levying forces in Flanders, and that the King of Spain will recruit them with an army, and provide ships to land them in England, with spare arms, &c.

That this King has made so firm a league with His Majesty that he cannot without perfidy desert him, or agree with Cromwell, and has promised to perish rather than desert him.

His Majesty expects his loving subjects' best endeavours to re-establish him, and free themselves, by providing horse and men to be ready to obey his orders when he lands. Being tender of their hazard, he does not require the personal presence of men of estate on his landing, if they send trusty and well mounted soldiers. As some are sick or old, and cannot engage, and some rich men dare not have many horses in their stables, faithful officers and soldiers should be provided to find keep horses in friends' stables, but extreme caution is required. [1¾ *pages.*]

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[Chatham.] **130.** [——, storekeeper at Chatham, to the Navy Commissioners.] As Mr. Ellis now makes sails here, it would be well to have the canvas sent direct from London; the sending it from Deptford causes damage, delay, double measuring, and often imperfect supplies. Also it should be sent without the listing taken off. It would be well if we had a magazine of provisions here, so as not to depend upon Deptford. We have 300 old compasses in store, which, with repair, might be serviceable. [1⅓ *pages.*]

131. —— to Major-Gen. Desborow. As you may have lost the paper that was given you from the Lord General by Col. Fitch, I send you another; you were to request the Commissioners of Customs to give you particulars what customs were paid on tin and lead in each year, from 1648 to 1652. Also the like for coals exported and imported for home sale, and for manufactures, upon which there is a possibility of improving 10,000*l.* a year, which the commonwealth is unjustly deprived of. [¾ *page.*]

The Success, Stokes Bay, 8 a.m. **132.** Capt. Wm. Kendall to [Admiralty Committee]. I came from Plymouth with 2 men-of-war, the Gift and the Duchess, and other ships laden with sugar from Barbadoes and Virginia. A French vessel told me the Flemish fleet were scattered 5 and 10 in a company; they are westward of the Isle of Wight, as a Hamburgher from Bordeaux reports. Our ships left on Tuesday, and I shall follow when I have spoken with the Commissioner. [⅔ *page.*]

133.—Boiteurs to [General Cromwell]. Your desire for the good of the church leads us to think that you will take particular care of those of this island committed to your care. According to the discipline of the church, we of the consistory of the town have chosen some elders and deacons in place of those who are dead. The congregation of 1,200 approved our choice by silence, but after the 2nd publication a writing was presented signed by 5 or 6, by which those elected are neither accused of ignorance nor scandal. The form of the election was as usual, and was made before we heard of any directions of Parliament, which do not indeed extend to deacons. We have made a solemn promise to maintain our discipline, and Parliament wishes the churches of this island [Jersey?] to be governed according to their ancient customs, which are those of the church of France. We have received no orders to the contrary, and the direction sent, not being addressed to the pastors, has not been observed. If there is to be any change in elections, let it be in those to be made henceforth, not in those already made, as this would cause scandal and quarrels. [1 *page. French.*]

134. Capt. Thos. Marryott to the Admiralty Committee. I beg leave to defend myself before you. You know how Capt. Rich. Badiley was accused, so that it was said he would be hanged, but when he came to plead his own cause, he came off with honour, and his adversaries with shame. My adversary was with me in Scotland, and I got ill-will by trying to remove him into another ship.

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I confess that I have so offended God that he might say of me as of Ephraim, "He is joined to his idols; let him alone," but Christ preached forgiveness of enemies, and so should we forgive one another, therefore pray forgive me anything that may be objected against me, and restore me to my command. [1 *sheet.*]

[Canterbury.] **135.** Thos. Monins to Capt. John Browne, at Mrs. Dawson's, a printer, opposite Half Moon tavern, Aldersgate Street, London. The servants of [Thos.] Vincent, the saltpetre man, digging amongst the stables next the Green Court in the cathedral, wanted water, and would not take it from pumps near, but compelled Mr. Doe to give them the key of the main cistern; they broke a hole in it, drew off the water from some families, and would have done from more, but I was told, and compelled them to return the key unless they could show their commission. They wished to produce it before a justice of peace, and whilst on the way, Mr. Moorland told the master workman that he had bought the water and watercourses from the State, and ought to enjoy them. The fellow, being a malignant, said "How long will ye keep them?"

I went to Mayor Broadnex, who read Vincent's commission authorising all justices to assist them in obtaining carriages, vessels, &c. for their work, on payment of due rates. The commission referred to the Act, but no one had the Act. Thereupon we offered him the use of nearer pumps with plenty of water, saying we did not think the State intended the inconvenience of so many families, but nothing would serve them save the main cistern, and next day they again demanded the key. We asked to speak to Mr. Vincent, but were told he was gone up to London, probably to complain against us; he will hurt us if he can, because he could not have his will of us the last Kentish rising, when he was a captain. We beg to be informed of our duty, that we may not get into trouble. [2 *pages.*]

136. Capt. Thos. Morris to [the Admiralty Committee]. Having the charge of the Gristmill, a prize ship of Amsterdam, laden with brandy, wine, and sugar, I brought it to Aldborough, when, on order from Capt. Lane, I delivered it to Roger Yeaksley of the Triumph, and joined Capt. Lawson on the coast of Holland; but on my return, 12 Sept., I found that Yeaksley had sold to Cromer, his neighbour in Aldborough, a cable, sail, &c. belonging to the ship, and Cromer would not say what he paid for them. [1 *page.*]

137. Mayor of Newcastle to — Col. Lilburne writes that there are 12 Holland men-of-war on the northern coast. Considerable convoys are wanted for 250 colliers here, until the peace be absolute. There are 60 capers out of Zealand. [*Extract, scrap.*]

138. Col. Nath. Rich to Gen. Desborow. The bearer has a son lately come from Spain, who was pressed in the Downs before he could reach London. Pray allow him to come and give his father an account of his goods in the captain's hands, and then he will return to his ship, which lies at Dover. Endorsed with note to the captain of Blake to suffer him to come up. [1 *page.*]

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139. Major Sedgwick to Dr. Walker. It is clear from the writings that the John Baptiste was a Dutch ship, the men Hollanders and French, and the master a Hollander. The goods are all French laden by a Dutchman. When the master and company were brought aboard the Black Raven, and a council of war of all the commanders of English ships present held, they declared the ship of Dantzic, and produced writings accordingly, but afterwards denied it. Then the master said it belonged to merchants of London, but could not prove it, and there was nothing English on board. Details of his false swearing, &c. He then owned that all the papers on board were fictitious, and made to deceive the English. [$3\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

140. William Starkie to his brother Garrat Starkie. The night we put to sea, a great flyboat ran into us, and took away our mizen mast, and tore the mainsail; the master, being upon the poop, and thinking we had been run down, endeavoured to get on board the flyboat, but whether he succeeded we cannot tell. The wind being S.W. by S., we stood for the northward, and the next morning we put into Scarborough, for security of both ship and goods. Inform the owners, and desire them to send some one to take charge of the ship and goods, for there are none here that will meddle with them. [1 *page.*]

141. Capt. John Stevens to the Navy Commissioners, Tower Hill. I am sorry you refused my bill of exchange from Dover for an old anchor taken in lieu of one broken in the Downs. My owner would disburse nothing towards fitting the ship, so I started 600*l.* in debt, was taken up for 3 months, and now am wanted to keep the Channel in the winter, which requires fresh rigging. Having served 4 months, I beg bills for the 3 months, viz., 360*l.* I have spent 100*l.* here on sails and cordage, and not had a penny from the owners. We have discharged some men sick, some run away, and many are unserviceable. I have sent up our mate to get 30 or 40 more, and beg your warrant. [1 *page, damaged.*]

142. Dr. Walter Walker to the Admiralty Committee. I send as ordered the form of an Act to enable the Generals at sea to try those persons by a council of war. I have by proviso reserved to the Court of Admiralty the jurisdiction which it now has, but shall no way abridge the power given to the Generals at sea. In any special case, such as never came to their cognizance, it is an advantage that there be an ancient power to try it. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

143. Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the Navy Commissioners, Tower Hill. Your furnaces were so long in coming that I was obliged to buy them here, for fear of detaining the ships. The Charity is gone, and the other two only wait weather. Iron furnaces are much wanted for the pitch boat. The pitch heater dares not heat stuff for careening the Sovereign with these. I have not written lately for surgeons for the Great Charity and Black Raven, but you should not blame me if, when I ask for things and they are not sent, I provide them here. I have no objection against Harris the sail-maker. I want a copy of Taylor's contract. [1 *page.*]

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144. Jerrard Winstanley and John Palmer, on behalf of their fellow commoners, to the Council of State. Parson Platt and others have informed you that we and others, called diggers, are riotous, will not be ruled by the justices, have seized a house and put 4 guns into it, and are cavaliers, and wait an opportunity to bring in the Prince, on which you sent soldiers to beat us. These reports are untrue; we are peaceable men, do not resist our enemies, but pray God to quiet their hearts, and desire to conquer them by love.

We plough and dig, that the impoverished poor may get a comfortable livelihood, and think we have a right to do it, by virtue of the conquest over the late King, who had William the Conqueror's title to the land; the Norman yoke being thrown off, the land should return to the commoners, but if the Norman power is still upheld, we have lost by sticking to the Parliament.

1. We joined them relying on their promises of freedom of land; they said "Give us your taxes, free quarter, excise, and adventure "your lives with us; cast out the oppressor Charles, and we will "make you a free people." Therefore we claim freedom to enjoy the common lands, bought by our money and blood.

2. We claim it by equality in the contest. Parliament and army said they acted for the whole nation; you gentry have your enclosures free, and we claim a freedom in the common land.

3. England cannot be free unless the commoners have use of the land, else are we worse than in the King's days, if the Norman power in lords of manors rules over us.

There is waste land enough and to spare. We only desire leave to work, and enjoy the fruits of our labour. If this is denied, we must raise collections for the poor out of your estates; but many are proud and desperate, and will rob and steal rather than take charity, and many are ashamed to beg; but if the land were granted, there would not be a beggar or idle person.

England could then support itself, and it is a stain to religion for land to lie waste and yet many to starve.

If you grant the land, we shall rejoice in you and the army protecting our work and serve you at will. [1 *sheet.*]

145. Draft of an Act against customary oaths. That no person be compelled to do homage, or take an oath to do fealty, or any oath on matriculation in the Universities, or on taking any degree, or on entrance into the freedom of any corporation, society, or company.

Proviso.—Persons holding offices to take oath concerning their execution. Those who hold lands by tenure of homage to make acknowledgment of holding the lands from the owner. *Also,*

Draft of an Act for more speedy recovery of rents.

On a grant of rent on reversion, with a rent incident thereto, the grantee may, after due notice given by the grantor to the tenant, bring an action for rent, with the same advantages as if the tenant had atturnied to such grant at the time of the notice. Actions of debt to be maintainable for rent received on a lease for life, or for

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rent-seck or rent-service against the tenants that should have paid it.

A rent-charge or rent-seck not to be extinguished or suspended by purchase of part of the land charged therewith, but to be apportioned as in case of a rent-service. *Also,*

Draft of an Act for better regulation of pleaders and their fees.

No member of Parliament shall plead in any court of justice except the counsel for the commonwealth. No one shall receive in any one cause wherein he is retained counsel more than 5*l.* nor any other thing valuable. Yet he shall give his advice and assistance till the case be ended. *Also,*

Draft of an Act for preventing fraudulent contracts and conveyances.

All debts by bond, mortgage, &c. incurred before settlement of any estate on wife or children or others, or in trust for them, to be satisfied by sale of the lands so settled.

Any estates in which the purchaser joins his wife or children with him, or purchases them in their name, are to be liable to his debts, as if the whole estate had been in him, or in case of his death, had descended to his heir.

All bonds or securities to persons indebted, and their wives and children, to be liable for the satisfaction of debt. *Also,*

Draft of an Act against the sale of offices.

No office for life or during good behaviour to be granted to an infant, or to anyone unable to execute it, or granted in reversion, or bought or sold. Any offender to forfeit double the sum promised, given, or received therefor. Any person coming in to any office contrary to this Act to be disabled from holding it. All persons selling or contracting for office to be disabled from bearing any office of profit. Any persons suspected thereof to be examined on oath, and a moiety of the forfeitures paid to the informer. [2¾ *pages. With marginal note (by Jos. Williamson):* "Acts prepared about 1653, and printed by order of the House of Commons for the use of the members. Drawn up by certain principal persons to Chief Justice Hale and others, &c. By Mr. Povey communicated to me. J.W."]

146. "Index of a small thin book of Acts in 4to, drawn up by some chosen men of learning and experience, as Judge Hales, &c., 1653, for the use of the members of the House of Commons, communicated to me by Mr. Povey. J. W. [*i.e.*, Joseph Williamson], 1696." This contains the titles of 16 draft Acts, including the preceding 5, the last being an Act for county registers, wills, &c., also the titles of instructions for the registrar, tables of fees, the oaths to be taken, &c. [1¾ *pages.*]

147. Act of Parliament of 43 Eliz., for relief of sick and wounded soldiers. With note that it was continued 3 Charles till the end of the first session of the next Parliament, after which there was no

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Parliament till 1640, and then "the Long Parliament succeeded and never ended the session, and so this Act continues still." [7 *pages.*]

148. "The names of the forest claims delivered to me by Mr. Keeling," being a brief account of the Court of Attachments, the Court of Swainmote in which the verderers are judges, and the Court of the Justices in Eyre. [1½ *pages.*]

149. Statement on behalf of the Muscovy Company:—The English nation has been at great expense of money and men to find out the North-east passage, and though they have missed it, they have discovered several ports and havens unknown before, as the Bar of St. Nicholas and the road and river of Archangel, then belonging to the Great Duke of Muscovy, and the only seaport of his dominions. We traded there a few years till the Duke invited us to Moscow, and on account of the great benefits redounding by English merchants to Russia, he granted us large privileges, and sent an Ambassador to England therefor. The trade has been unquestioned 100 years, in spite of revolutions of Emperors, till in 1646 Alexea Michaelowitch, the present Emperor, took away our privileges, imposed large customs on us, and seized goods of great value by fraud. On his father's death in 1645 he had promised us large privilege, and sent an Ambassador, whose entertainment cost us 1,500*l.* We sent out more goods than usual, but he charged them double the customs of other nations, so that we had to forbear trading to a loss of 50,000*l.*

The next year at Whitsuntide, when it was too late to send advice to England, he told the merchants there that no English goods should be admitted, calling us traitors and the servants of traitors, and unfit to live in any Christian state. The merchants asked leave to settle accounts and get in their debts, which he allowed, but they were not to bring any goods to Moscow. He ordered us to bring in a list of our houses and debts, value 30,000*l.*, which we did, and appointed an officer to attend to them, but we got no satisfaction, and were ordered to depart his dominions. This, we think, was caused by Culpeper, Ambassador of the pretended King of Scots, then residing there, the Emperor having sent or lent large sums to the said King. He also compelled us to pay in full all our debts to his subjects, though not receiving our own. [1¾ *pages.*]

150. Account of the loss sustained by the Eastland merchants of London, Ipswich, and Yarmouth in ships, merchandise, and goods in Denmark, 76,767*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, which, with the owners' and masters' claim for freight and other charges, and the mariners' adventure, with loss of clothes and time, make 141,257*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* The merchants of Hull also claim 4,981*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* [1 *page.*]

151. Project of English trade by Sir S[ackville] C[row]. Observations how to make a great addition to the wealth and common stock of England, by a careful use of clothing, provisions, and drinks; by abstaining from the excessive use of foreign commodities; by breeding cattle, tilling and draining lands, making

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turf, planting timber, improving mines, regulating manufactures, husbanding ship materials, breeding mariners, attending to the fisheries, taking care of the balance of exports and imports, increase of our plantations, &c.; with suggestion that for the better effecting thereof, there should be a Committee of 12 persons to carry the same into effect. [*Parchment*, 1 *sheet*.]

152. Note that letters of marque having been granted by order of Parliament to Mary Page, widow, to seize on Dutch, French, or other ships, she and company set forth the Mary, which seized upon a ship called the Sun. At the time of the seizure, there was no Admiralty Court, and the master of the Sun, who pretended to be of Emden, petitioned the then Council of State for release; but upon Page showing the writings taken on board the Sun, the Committee for Irish and Scotch Affairs, to whom it was referred, would not release it. Judges being appointed for the Admiralty Court, Mary Page began her legal course for condemning the ship and goods, and the judges condemned her as lawful prize. From this the claimers of the Sun appealed to the delegates, and the cause being concluded, and ready for judgment, the Lords Commissioners have appointed Major-Gen. Thomas Kelsey, Col. Jno. Clarke, and Col. Edw. Salmon, with others of the common law, and some doctors of the civil law, to be judges in the cause. The reprizers pray that their Honours will spend a few hours some afternoon at Serjeants' Inn next term, to hear the cause and give a definite judgment. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page*.]

153. Note of bishops' glebe lands unsold in cos. Lincoln, York, Gloucester, and Kent. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page*.]

154. Statement by Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, of his first 3 years' action.

Sums received and issued by me in 1651, 460,000*l*.; in 1652, 600,000*l*.; in 1653, 140,000*l*.; total, 2,460,000*l*. The allowances given to former treasurers, being 220*l*. fee by patent and a poundage of 3*d*., would have amounted in the 3 years to 31,410*l*. One third part of this was proposed, which would have been 10,470*l*., but my receipts have only been 4,000*l*. Also in the last 2 years I have had to make all payments relating to the Tower, which were formerly paid by Major-Gen. Harrison, who would have received 5,000*l*. therefor, but I have received nothing. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page*.]

155. Proposals of the Navy Victuallers:—

1. The captains to ascertain what provisions their ships can carry.
2. The stewards to take charge of the provisions.
3. The seamen not to meddle with provisions in the hoys.
4. The stewards to give clear receipts for their provisions taken from the hoys.
5. The hoymen to be punished if they neglect their voyages when laden.
6. The victuallers to be allowed to remove the great storehouse from Rochester to London.

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7. Allowance to be made for waste of provisions laden on victualling ships, and the victuallers to have liberty to put a man on board each ship to lift them forth. With note that this last clause is to be referred to the Navy Commissioners. [⅔ *page.*]

156. Notes to be considered on the victuallers' business. To know what the Navy Commissioners have done in disposing of the cast ships, timber, &c. at Woolwich, Deptford, and Chatham, and about the dock at Woolwich. To consider whether the Falmouth, Bear, and Tulip should be refitted or discharged. To consider certificates about the Bear, Falmouth, and Stork. [½ *page.*]

157. Answers of Capt. Sam. Windis, agent at Chester and Liverpool to the Navy Victuallers, to the complaints of the officers and seamen of the Satisfaction, addressed to the Admiralty Commissioners, Navy Commissioners, and Navy Victuallers. Vindication of the quantity and quality of pork, beef, beer, &c. supplied. With names of 23 persons who will prove his assertions. [4 *pages.*]

158. Note that Jas. Ayscough, for his fidelity and ability, was appointed master of the Cignet by General Blake. Upon an information made to the Mayor and aldermen of Bristol, he was committed to prison there, where he yet remains. This information was taken behind his back, and as he has never had a copy, nor seen or known his accusers, he cannot have a fair trial. One of the two informers has run away, and the other has been fetched away from the ship as a felon. The captain of the ship acknowledged, before the Mayor and aldermen, that the master never neglected his duty, and he has always been in actual service for Parliament, and well affected and faithful. The knowledge of this caused the Mayor and aldermen to write the Admiralty Committee for his enlargement, but the ship having gone to sea before the arrival of General Monk's order, it could not be performed.

It is believed that because the master kept a journal of the captain and other officers' actions, that he might the better give the General a true account, the captain being very tardy in discharge of his duty, and knowing the master could inform against him if required, secretly caused these complaints to be made against the master, and thus clapped him up, and then placed his own brother in the master's charge, whose connivance will not disturb his negligence. *Noted in shorthand:* "To offer him to take his bond, and that he appear here." [1 *page.*]

159. Certificate by Wm. Ryley, Norroy king-at-arms, that Rob. Blackborne, secretary to the Admiralty Commissioners and to the Commissioners of Customs in the port of London, son of —— Blackborne, co. York, son of —— Blackborne, co. Lancaster, is entitled to arms, but granting him a crest because, by neglect of his ancestors, there is no crest with his coat of arms. [*Latin and English.* 1¾ *pages.*]

160. Answer of John Beauchamp, merchant, one of the defendants, to the bill of complaint of John Crane, complainant. Knows nothing of King James being seized in fee of certain lands, manors,

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therein mentioned, nor of any conveyance by patent of lands to persons named for the use of the late King Charles, nor of the contract in March 1633 between Sir Fras. Crane and Prince Charles of any such lands, &c., nor of the payment of money to the Prince for such lands by Sir Fras. Crane, nor of any rent reserved upon such contract to the Prince.

Knows nothing of the indenture dated 20 June 1634, between Thomas Viscount Savage, Francis Lord Cottington, Sir Fras. Crane, Sir Thos. Trevor, Sir Walter Pye, and Sir Jno. Bankes of the one part, and Sir Edw. Baesh and Jno. Beauchamp of the other part, nor of the grant said to be made by the late King on 20 Nov. 1634, of any of the lands or tenements in the bill mentioned to Sir Fras. Crane and Rich. Crane, his brother, nor that the names of Sir Edw. Baesh and Jno. Beauchamp were made use of in trust only for Sir Fras. Crane in the pretended deed; neither does he know that Sir Fras. Crane, by virtue thereof, entered into the said lands and tenements, and died seized thereof without issue, nor that Rich. Crane, his brother, heir and executor, entered into the same.

Also knows nothing of the agreement or composition of Aug. 1638, by Jno. Lightfoot, commissioner, for Rich. Crane, Sir Thomas Middleton and others, on behalf of themselves and the tenants and freeholders of the said lands and tenements, or that Rich. Crane made a will, devised several legacies, and appointed complainant, Jno. Hawtry, and Jno. Beauchamp his executors.

Believes that if any such will was made, it was not produced, but kept in secret for divers years after the death of Rich. Crane, but does not know whether Jno. Hawtry renounced probate thereof, nor whether complainant has proved the same and paid the legacies. Denies all combination, or that he was ever required to execute any trust as alleged. If John Beauchamp, his father, did in his lifetime assign or convey the pretended lease, believes such assignment was made by him with the aid of his counsel, and not without a valuable consideration. Believes that Richard Arundel is dead, and that he made a will and made Fras. Arundel, his son and heir, sole executor, and he appointed Traherne Scawen and this defendant executors during his son's minority, but denies that he, this defendant, has ever acted therein. [*Draft.* 10 *pages. With note of the cost of engrossing and filing it; total,* 2*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*]

161. Reasons to move the Council of State to grant their order to pay 1,627*l.* 14*s.* 9½*d.* arrears due to Col. John White, clerk of the ordnance, and his clerks. That the labourers in the office have been paid; that his salary is no more than in times of peace, though the work is 5 times more; that he has forborne fees, though his predecessors made them worth 150*l.* a year; that he has waited long for his money, and disbursed much for paper and books for the office; that the Navy Commissioners, whose work is only about the fleets, are paid quarterly, whereas the Ordnance Office supplies not only fleets but garrisons, castles, trains of artillery, &c. His allowances are 315*l.* 7*s.* a year for himself, and 60*l.* and 50*l.* for two clerks. [1½ *pages.*]

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Jan. 2. Yarmouth Roads. **1.** Capt. Ch. Myngs to the Admiralty Committee. I attended Ambassador Whitelock, and on 15 Nov. we arrived at Gottenburg, whence he set forward on the 23rd to the Court. We were detained there by contrary winds. My crew was sickly, 90 ill and 5 died. We met 3 Holland men-of-war, with 8 or 9 merchantmen, and fired some guns upon them, but our sickly and weak condition compelled us to leave them. We came up with the Phœnix, which had left port a day before us and had been in fight with a Holland man-of-war, and had 4 killed and 11 wounded, besides the loss of her bowsprit. I shall sail to Portsmouth to revictual. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 3.] **2.** Petition of Peter Dacton, mariner of Barnstaple, to his Highness's Council. The George Bonadventure, laden with salt for me, was taken by the Nonsuch 28 Nov. last, and carried into Peran, Cornwall. My suit to the Protector for its restoration on payment of salvage was referred to you [*see* 31 *Dec.* 1653], and by you to the Admiralty Judges. As an Admiralty judgment would cost 10*l.* more than the salvage, I beg an order to the Prize Goods' Commissioners to act according to justice and the Act of Parliament thereon. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 3. Reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*I.* 75, *p.* 32.]

Jan. 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

4. Liberty to be given to the Lieutenant of the Tower to admit such persons as he thinks fit to visit Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne there. Approved by the Protector, 10 Jan.

5. Sir Chas. Wolsley, Sir A. A. Cooper, Mr. Rous, Major-Gen. Lambert, and Col. Montague to be a Committee to regulate the justices of the peace through the nation, and present the names to Council. They are to send for the books of the commissioners of the peace, and the lists of those appointed by the Committee of Parliament, and the papers concerning the same, for their better information.

6. The Commissioners for the Great Seal to have notice not to alter or put in any commissioner of the peace without special order. Approved by the Protector, 10 Jan.*

7. Sir Wm. Constable, sheriff of Yorkshire, to have liberty to live in York during this year of his shrievalty, without being obliged to live in the county, he discharging the duties of his place. Approved 10 Jan.

* The approval of the Protector being requisite to give validity to orders passed in his absence from Council, it is noted at the end of each order, with the day when it it was granted.—ED.

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8. Wm. Hickman, sheriff of Nottinghamshire, to have like leave to reside in his house in Lincolnshire.

9. Sir A. A. Cooper and Col. Sydenham to consider the case of Mr. Allen of Weymouth, and report what they think fit for his relief.

10. The petition of William Kiffin, James Barkin, Josias Everson, and Robt. Osler to the Protector, referred by his Highness to Council, read.

16, 17. That of Richard Young and others, in behalf of themselves and other creditors of Peter Smart, referred to Mr. Rous, Major-Gen. Skippon, and Col. Jones, to consider what may be done for their relief, and report.

21. Order that the Paragon be substituted for the Tiger to transport the Dutch deputies to Holland, the Tiger being supposed by the Admiralty Committee to have gone out to sea.

22. An Ordinance constituting a Committee for the Revenue, and for repealing the powers given to the former Committee, read the first and second times, and committed to Col. Jones, Sir A. A. Cooper, Major-Gen. Desborow, Col. Montague, and Mr. Strickland. Secretary Thurloe to assist the Committee therein. Approved 10 Jan.

23. The business of captives referred to the Committee for the preservation of Customs, with the same powers as the Navy Committee had formerly to issue moneys for the purpose, and report their proceedings from time to time to his Highness and Council. Approved 10 Jan.

24. Gualter Frost to pay Mr. Pell, the mathematical lecturer, his salary of 200*l.* a year as settled by the late Council of State, due and in arrear to 25 Dec. last. Approved 10 Jan.

25. The letter from the Generals of the fleet, dated Dec. 30th last, to be considered next Thursday.

26. Mr. Scobell to prepare an Ordinance for a Committee to regulate the Ordnance office, with the powers established by the late Parliament.

27. Edw. Birkhead, Serjeant-at-arms, to detain in custody all prisoners committed to him by the late Parliament, and not release them without special order from Council, and report from time to time of the business; all warrants from any Commissioners of Parliament or of the Lord Protector and Council, for apprehending delinquents, &c. to be directed to him, and executed by himself or his deputy, as authorised by order of Parliament, Oct. 12, 1653. Approved 10 Jan. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 30–34.]

Jan. 3.
The Swiftsure, near the Horse.

3. Gens. Geo. Monk and Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Committee. We are sailing though the wind is but little E. of N. We have several times desired provision to be made for sick and wounded men sent to Portsmouth, Gosport, and the Isle of Wight, and you say you have ordered it, but Mr. Willoughby cannot pay the quarters of those already sent. Pray take speedy course, or the poor men will suffer. Let our commissions be sent.

P.S.—We have fallen down to Ellen's Point, where are several other ships. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 3. **4.** Copy of the preceding letter. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 3. Plymouth. **5.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. I received yours in relation to Dutch affairs and was moved at the freedom given to their Ambassadors in our very bowels, but the Lord will order all.

The Nightingale has come in from Ireland, and at the Start, had a scuffle with a Dutch man-of-war for 4 or 5 hours, when they parted. The Portland is nearly ready, and shall bring other ships and the 3 prizes for London. The Governor of Pendennis writes that the Elias, with the money for Scilly, has been driven back by the storm, but sailed again. Coals are 22*s.* the quarter here, 15½ bushels of our measure make a London chaldron, which is 42*s.* 6*d.* Your brother is well. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 3. The Phœnix, Ousley Bay. **6.** Capt. Nich. Foster to the [Admiralty Committee]. I sailed from the Hope on 6 Nov. with Lord Whitelock, the Ambassador to Sweden, on board, as also his retinue and goods, in company with the Elizabeth and other ships appointed to attend him, and landed him at Gottenburg on the 15th, where he was honourably received by the Governor and the magistrates, and on the 30th he began his journey towards Stockholm.

We started on 3 Dec., but were forced back; I sailed again on the 20th, as the men were sick, provisions spending, and the frosts approaching. We had much wind and snow, but got on to the Juttish coast, when on the 21st we saw a fleet, which proved to be Hollanders from the Sound, 72 sail; we engaged with them, but were forced to leave them after a hot fight, wherein I had 4 killed and 11 wounded, and my bowsprit and masts shot away. Details of the engagement; 400 horse and foot stood on the shore in view all day.

On the 22nd we bore for England, and on the 25th came up with the other ships from Gottenburg. If the Elizabeth had come out with us, we had destroyed that whole fleet. It is reported at Gottenburg that the King of Denmark is much troubled that he affronted our nation by staying our ships, and blames evil counsel for it; De Witt endeavoured to comfort him with a cordial of their great victories over us at sea, and gave him a list of 22 sail sunk and 8 taken, besides putting the rest to flight, but his own subjects are now able to inform him that a small frigate fought and routed their fleet, and next day (the Lord helping us) made her way through 3 of their ships coming to avenge the quarrel, the least of which exceeded the Phœnix. Lord Whitelock was said to arrive on 24 Dec. at Upsal, 4 Swedish miles from Stockholm, where he is to have his audience. I have reported to Major Bourne the condition and wants of my ship, for if I went to Portsmouth, as ordered, and found no masts, time would be lost. [3½ *pages.*]

Jan. 3. **7.** Copy of the above. [3 *pages.*]

Jan. 3. Prize Office. **8.** Commissioners for Prize Goods to the Admiralty Commissioners. Our Sub-Commissioners at Dover report that though

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they put waiters on board the prizes of privateers, to prevent the embezzlement of goods, and not to suffer any to be landed without account of the tenths to the State, yet in absence of the waiters, they land and dispose of the goods, and threaten that they will not give an account.

There are now 13 prizes at Dover, and if this be suffered, the State will be much wronged. Capt. Isaac Phillips contends that as the prizes he took were under letters of reprisal and not of marque, and are for restitution for wrongs done to him, the 10ths are not payable thereout; we desire the opinion of the Admiralty Judges thereon, and if the tenths be not due on these letters of reprisal, they should be taken in, and others granted liable to the tenth. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. 3. The Swiftsure. **9.** John Fowler to Rob. Blackborne. Our Generals have added to my toil by an order to attend the court-martials that are called on board other ships, as they have given power to the commanders of squadrons, flag commanders of divisions, and particular captains to call such courts. This will be a great increase of trouble, as I am too infirm to trust to my natural legs, but use 4 legs in our motionary wooden houses.

However, without any motion of mine, they have restored me the 16*d.* a day taken from me, with the 8*s.* a day ordered 2 Feb. last, as promised me by the late Gen. Deane, in presence of Gen. Monk, Vice-Admiral Penn and others, when I entered on my employment, but he lessened it in favour of De Bancks, appointed my assistant. De Bancks however did me little good, and has now deserted, so I hope no further trouble will arise.

The commission was dated 4 Oct., and I have acted ever since. I wish the 8*s.* a day might be issued to 31 Dec. and then begin a new year's account, so as to save my wife's trouble of coming to town and attendance. I wish you all prosperity this new year. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 3. Bruges. **10.** Jas. Robinson to Hen. Darly, Gray's Inn Lane. The people here have imposed a new duty upon English cloths, and make those pay which only pass through, contrary to the rights of free commerce. The Hollander has prohibited the transportation of hemp, pitch, tar, and cable yarn, solely to keep you from them, and render England incapable of navigation. If letters of safe conduct there and back are sent me, I will come over and declare to you or the Parliament a way of frustrating these designs, which I know by virtue of my place and calling here. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 4. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

3, 7. The order of yesterday referring the business of captives to the Committee for Preservation of Customs, to be presented by Mr. Strickland to his Highness for approbation; being so presented and approved by him, it was confirmed, the approbation being declared in presence of Mr. Jessop, one of the clerks of Council.

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Jan. 4. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

4. Lambert, Montague, and Jones to be a Committee to consider the establishment of the army, and the business of the Army Committee.

5, 6. A paper presented by the Commissioners in the Act of Parliament for Accounts and clearing of Public debts referred to Wolsley, Cooper, and Montague, to report what they think fit to be done, and Mr. Jessop to attend the Committee. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 34, 35.]

Jan. $\frac{4}{14}$. Camph. **11.** Patrick Drummond to Mr. Parker, Flushing. I desire you to deliver to my servant what is wanting of His Majesty's proportion of butter and cheese, as clear as you can make your computation, every proportion in its own kind. Present my service to my lord of Derry, and all your company, and despatch my servant as soon as you can, for fear the canal be frozen betwixt this and Middleburg.

P.S.—I have received 373½ lbs., Flushing weight, of cheese, besides what I desired [you] to give to Capt. Bannister for me, also 5 kilderkins of butter. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 5. **12.** Petition of the trustees and contractors for sale of the late King, Queen, and Prince's goods, to the Protector. We have inventoried, appraised, and sold the goods, as authorised by 2 Acts of Parliament. We have had many obstructions by restraints put on our proceedings by the Council of State, weighty affairs not permitting them to choose the 20,000*l.* worth of the goods to be reserved for the State.

Three years ago the late Parliament passed a list of the debts of several hundred creditors and servants of the late King, and ordered us to pay them, but we could not do it on account of the restraint on the sale of the goods.

The poverty of some and malignancy of others of these creditors have caused them to bring many scandalous complaints against us, as though we were unfit for our trust, but nothing has been proved against us.

We beg your orders about the 20,000*l.* worth of goods, that we may sell the rest, pay the debts, and get free from these clamours and complaints. 8 signatures. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. **13.** Reference thereon to Col. Jones, Sir Chas. Wolsley, Mr. Strickland, and Col. Montague, to examine what goods are unsold, and the debts claimed out of them, and to report. [½ *page. This reference is not in the Council Order Book.—Ed.*]

Jan. 5. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on a letter from the Admiralty Committee to the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, certifying that 1,000*l.* is necessary to be paid by the Commissioners for Prize Goods to the Committee for Sick and Wounded Seamen, that the 1,000*l.* be paid as desired, notwithstanding the order of the late Council of State for paying 50,000*l.* in the first place to the Lieutenant of the Tower. The Committee for Inspection to issue warrants accordingly.

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3. The instrument entitled "The Government of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland," to be enrolled among the parliamentary rolls and in all the courts at Westminster.

4. An ordinance touching further sale of the goods of the late King, Queen, and Prince, read the first time.

5. Sydenham, Thurloe, and Scobell to state the business touching Sir John Lenthall, and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 36.]

Jan. 5. **14.** Order by the Trustees for sale of forest lands that Jasper Waterhouse, of Staple Inn, Holborn, gentleman, deliver to Wm. Ryley, their agent, all records, &c. relating to the justice seats of the forests of Waltham, Whitlewood, Clyve, Rockingham, and Saulcy, or any forests where John Keeling or his father attended, which records, &c. are now in Waterhouse's custody.

Endorsed: "21 April, Jacobi. A proclamation for the registering of all knights bachelors. See for the proclamations at the Rolls." [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

14. I. *Note by Keeling of the records remaining in* 11 *forests named.*—16 *Jan.* 1654. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 6. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. Order on the petition of the late Committee of the Militia of London to his Highness, that an Ordinance be prepared and tendered to Council, as desired by the petition.

3, 4. An Ordinance for continuing the Committee for the Militia of London to certain purposes read, and referred to Lambert, Skippon, Montague, Sydenham, and Pickering, to report.

5, 6. A certificate from the judges for probate and wills and granting administrations, dated Jan. 2nd, referred to Cooper, Wolsley, Rous, and Pickering, to consider the table of fees and the Act, and to report.

7. **15.** The Admiralty Committee to consider speedily how the coast of Scotland may be accommodated with 3 ships of war, and to certify their names and quality, and the reasons why the sending of them, ordered by the late Council, was omitted.

8, 9. The petition of Col. Philip Twisleton to his Highness, on behalf of his regiment, referred to Lambert, Skippon, Montague, Sydenham, and Pickering, to report.

10. Two troops of 100 dragoons each to be raised according to an order by the late Council of State, to be sent into Scotland for service. Each troop to consist of 100. Approved 10 Jan.

11. The Commissioners for Inspections to consider and report what Treasury should be charged with 1,400*l.* for providing horse and furniture for these two troops, after the rate of 7*l.* for each dragoon.

12, 13. Recredential letters to be sent with Mr. Stockarus, agent for the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, and to the Duke of Holst by his agent, Col. Wirtz, now about to return. The drafts now read to be presented to his Highness. Approved 10 Jan.

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Jan. 6. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

15. Order on petition of John Jackson, that the Trustees for sale of delinquents' goods, sitting at Drury House, forbear for 3 months the sale of lands said to be bought by petitioner, being part of the estate of Richard Tempest, of Stock in Craven, Yorkshire. Approved 10 Jan.

16. Sir A. A. Cooper and Col. Sydenham to confer with Mr. Cressett, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Pitts, and report what they find most convenient to facilitate the bringing in of money on the Act for sale of forest lands.

19. Col. Montague and Sir Gilbert Pickering to consider the petition of John Manley, farmer of the Posts, and to propose how the Post Office may be most conveniently managed for the Commonwealth's service.

20. Note that all the preceding orders not formerly read, were this afternoon read and approved.

22. The petition of Beatrice and Alice Rigby, infants, by Henry Nowell, their guardian, read.

23. Sir Charles Wolsley to bring in the Ordinance touching the duchy and county palatine of Lancaster.

24. The Committee for Accounts and Public Debts to resign the chamber at Worcester House, where they now sit, to the Trustees for the sale of fee-farm rents, who formerly used it, for the better accommodation of the service.

26. An oath to be taken by the secretary and clerks of Council not to disclose anything debated there and ordered to be kept secret, without direction from his Highness and Council.

27, 28. Note that Henry Scobell and Wm. Jessop, clerks, took the said oath before Council. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 37–41.]

Jan. 6. Plymouth. **16.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Rob. Blackborne. By yours of the third, I find the Dutch and we are parted. Peace is desirable, had the Lord given it us, but we must go to Him for counsel and courage to do our duty, though we may be laid in the dust. I was burdened in spirit to think of the freedom those enemies had amongst us, where they had all advantages to carry on their work, we studying their advantage rather than our own, so that some said we feared them, but I hope time will show the contrary.

Particulars of ships. If I could be more useful to you there than here, I will come up after settling affairs here. Capt. Salmon's widow has been often with me about the money given her children by Parliament. Send me a copy of the order, that I may take proper security. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 9. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that as there are several cases wherein bills of store have usually been granted, for freeing goods from payment of Custom and Excise, the Commissioners of Excise and Customs be required to allow of such as Council thinks fit to grant.

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2. Col. Jones to attend his Highness with this order, and return an answer to Council.

3. Order, on petition of Richard Fanquant to his Highness, for release of the ship Hope, that the Admiralty Committee consider whether it be fit to release the vessel, or to refer it to the ordinary proceedings of the Admiralty Court.

4. Order, on petition of Nathaniel Goodlad and the rest of the creditors of Sir Allen Apsley, deceased, that the order of the late Council of State of Dec. 9th, 1653, touching the trustees and creditors of Sir A. Apsley, be confirmed, and the several parts thereof obeyed by the persons concerned.

5. **17.** Order that the report from the Admiralty Committee concerning 3 ships designed for the guard of Scotland, and the employment of a fourth there, being a prize ship taken by Capts. Smith and Sherwyn, be approved, and that the Admiralty Committee appoint the said ships, viz.: the Duchess, Primrose, and Sun, as also the prize ship, to guard the coast. Approved 10 Jan.

6. Order, on a report from the Admiralty Committee, brought in by Gen. Desborow, that there be allowed to Thos. Smith, Robt. Thompson, Peter Pett, Neh. Bourne, Edw. Hopkins, and Fras. Willoughby, Navy Commissioners, over and above their 250*l.* salary, 150*l.* each for their extraordinary care last year for despatching the affairs of the fleet. Approved 10 Jan. *Annexing,*

18. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee for bills to be made accordingly.*—11 *Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

7. Order that the persons named in a list for justices of the peace, co. Bucks, presented by Sir A. A. Cooper, be appointed, and that the Commissioners of the Great Seal issue commissions accordingly. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 41, 42.]

Jan. 9. Leghorn. **19.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Five Dutch men-of-war, and 4 English prizes laden with dry fish from Newfoundland, have come in here; they have 6 others laden with spices, lead, &c., in Provence, with 2 men-of-war, and the Dutch agent here has ordered them to be brought hither to be sold. There is not an Englishman on board; some ran away in their own boats, and the rest were put on shore by the Dutch in Spain. Two Dutch men-of-war foundered in the Gulf of Lyons by foul weather.

There are 6 English ships going from here to Zante, to lade currants for England. I cannot see how they can escape the Dutch, unless you send out a squadron; the Dutch and French have a dozen ships now in Turkey, which may return to this place or Marseilles, and 4 others plying between Spartavento and Malta, and as our ships must pass that way, I do not see how they can escape. If you send any out, it must be managed quietly; half-a-dozen of these prizes would be of good consideration to the State, and a great weakening of the enemy, for they bring some 200 bales of silk and grograin yarn, and some 400 bales per ship, besides other goods, all which would find present sale for ready money. With copy of his letter of 26 Dec. [2 *pages.*]

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Jan. 9. London. Levant Company to Spencer Britton, consul at Smyrna. We observe in yours of 15 July, whom you have appointed treasurer, on our omission to give order. The distractions in our trade, and our hopes of better times, have delayed our resolutions, and especially our sending of a minister. Your difficulties from the deadness of trade will be partly removed by the arrival of these ships laden with cloth, &c. Much has escaped without payment of our duty, therefore fail not to receive 2¼ dollars at least in lieu of our 9s. per cloth, which we cannot so well enforce in respect of changes here.

Our factors there abuse us in passing great bales of silk as coals; see this amended, and charge what is short of our due consulage, according to our reckoning of silk here, 186 great pounds to a bale.

The trustees of the late Roger Vivian and others claim 2,000 dollars, said to be in the Cancellaria, part of a bill of exchange due to him. Tell us the true state of the business. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 219.]

Jan. 9. Levant Company to Mr. Riley, consul at Aleppo. We are sorry to hear by yours of 31 March, 25 May, and 22 Sept., that you have still to complain of the Basha's unjust actions, in spite of the promises of the late Vizier. Thanks for your care in taking the place of treasurer, and trying to lessen our charges in this low ebb of trade. You will receive some supply by the ships now bound for Scanderoon. See that 2¼ dollars per cloth be paid on all goods that have not paid here.

We send this by Capt. Geo. Smith, elected marine factor, with security for discharge of his duty, and beg you to settle him in the place.

We are sorry you are in such debt, and can only clear it by a single or double consulage on all exports thence, which we desire you to take, and give us an account thereof, as is done at Smyrna.

We beg you to assist the East India Company, who are obliged to bring their silk overland from Persia by way of Aleppo. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 220.]

Jan. 9. Levant Company to Mr. Chappell. We have appointed Capt. Geo. Smith to succeed the late Thos. Harby as marine factor. You have acted in the interim by consent of the consul and factory at Aleppo, and although we could not appoint you or any resident there to the office, we have recommended you to Capt. Smith, if he requires assistance, and we beg you to give him your advice. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 221.]

Jan. 10. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a report from the Admiralty Committee—that they have contracted with John Semaine, powder maker, to make 8 cwt. of saltpetre weekly in several counties and towns during the time mentioned in the Act of Parliament, in lieu whereof they are to deliver 12 barrels of powder weekly,—that the contract be approved, and a commission and letters of assistance be granted him. Approved.

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2. Col. Jones to attend his Highness with this order, and an order of Jan. 5th for 1,000*l.* for wounded seamen, and return his answer.

3. Order on petition of Eliz. Alkin, that the Committee for Inspections issue a warrant to the Receiver-General to pay her 10*l.* a year in pursuance of the order of Parliament, and the arrears now due for her attendance on sick and wounded soldiers, and her present necessities. Approved 13 Jan.

5. The draft of an Ordinance brought in by Col. Montague from the Committee on the business of Col. Twisleton's regiment, for the satisfaction of that regiment and Major Hen. Markham, to be offered to his Highness. Approved 13 Jan. Read a third time and passed 16 Jan. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 52, 54.]

6. The Committee appointed by Act of Parliament for carrying on the affairs of the Admiralty and Navy to give warrants to the Navy Treasurer for payment of money due for stores and ammunition for land and sea service, and to have power to contract for stores and ammunition for the army and garrisons. The Navy Treasurer to pay such warrants accordingly. Approved.

7. A warrant to be issued for the apprehension of Vavasour Powel, and bringing him into custody.

8. The Lieutenant of the Tower and Ald. Tichborne to examine witnesses for proving what was informed to Council concerning some passages of Mr. Powell, Mr. Feake, and others at Christ Church, and certify the examinations to Council.

9. The petition of Alexander Jeffreys for himself and others to the Protector read.

10. The petition of the officers of the army to the Protector referred to the Commissioners for Inspection, to proceed upon the said officers' petition formerly presented on behalf of the army and supernumeraries whose arrears are comprised within the securities of the late King's lands, which was reported to the late Parliament, and to state the matter and report.

11. Order, on petition of Sir John Jacob, Sir Job Harby, and Sir Nicholas Crisp, that they and the late farmers of Customs, paying in on Jan. 12th, to the treasurers appointed by the Act for Deforestation, sale and improvement of the forests, &c. 30,000*l.*, the said sum, with all further sums by their appointment paid in before Jan. 17, shall be accepted as moneys doubled upon the Act; and the treasurers are hereby required to pay the farmers, or the persons who shall pay in the same or any part thereof, doubled bills for these sums, as they are by the Act enabled to do for monies doubled upon public faith, to be satisfied upon the credit of the said Act.

12. Order by the Protector that the paper from the Hamburg agent, directed to him, and this day received, concerning the Salvadore and George, be referred to Council, to consider what answer should be given.

13. 17 orders, dated Jan. 3, 6, and 9, offered by the Lord President, approved by the Protector. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 43–46.]

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Jan. $\frac{10}{20}$. Rotterdam.

20. Henry Montfort to Ralph Parker, English merchant, Flushing. Returning yesterday from Amsterdam, I found yours of the 12th current. Commend me to Mr. Edwards, and tell him all friends at Amsterdam are well. Capt. Whittington denies he ever threatened to arrest me or had any such thought; but for his curtesious (*sic*) usage of George Gray, I intend to begin with him when I meet him, for I have been one of his best friends in these lands. He shall now find me the contrary for his babbling. I sent him a copy of the note which Thos. Johnson gave me at Hull. He will speak to you about it, so I send you the same. There is little news, the post not being come. If you have any, let me be partaker.

P.S.—Your cousin, John Geldart, was here when I was at Flushing, and went for Dunkirk per Zealand. By the last post from York, Mr. Hewett wrote me your uncle was dangerously sick. My services to my lord, and respects to your lady. [1 *page.*]

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21. Statement of the case on the Duchess of Hamilton's behalf, noting the marriage articles between her father, Jas. Maxwell, afterwards Earl of Dirleton, arguing that the lands so settled could not be forfeited by James Duke of Hamilton, who died in 1648, being a Scottish estate, and governed by distinct laws from this; nor yet by William Duke of Hamilton, because the settlement was made in 1649, and his invasion of England was not till 1651. It is the whole support of the Duchess and her daughters. [1 *page. Damaged.*]

Jan. 11. Whitehall.

22. Order in Council that the Commissioners for removing Obstructions certify on the claims of the Duchess of Hamilton, referred to them by Parliament, and report with speed. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 47.] *Annexing,*

22. I. *Order in Parliament that the said Commissioners examine her claim to an interest of jointure in the manor of Kineale, Scotland, worth* 500*l. a year, settled by Parliament* 9 *Sept.* 1651 *on Lieut.-Gen. Monk, and of which he has held possession* 2 *years.* 31 *Oct.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 11.

COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The trustees and contractors authorised by a late Act of Parliament to sell the houses and parks formerly belonging to the late King, Queen, and Prince, which were by the first Act for the sale of the said lands exempted from sale, are speedily to certify what part thereof are already contracted for, by whom and at what rates, and what moneys are paid upon each contract, and what remains unpaid; also how much of the said premises are conveyed, when, and to whom; and they are to forbear to make any further contract for them till further order. *Annexing,*

23. I. *Report on the above order, that on* 15 *Feb.* 1653, *Uriah Babington contracted for part of Greenwich House for* 979*l.* 3*s., which is paid in, and the premises conveyed.*

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That Simon Basill contracted for a rent of 22*l. a year for messuages belonging to the surveyors of the works for* 297*l.* 13*s.* 4*d., paid in, and the premises conveyed.*

Henry Henn contracted for 16*l. a year, the present rent of the Brickhouse Great Garden, or Queen's Garden, for* 224*l., half of which is paid.*

5 *April* 1653.—*Col. Robert Tichborne contracted for* 2*l.* 10*s., present rent of the Hobby Stables, &c., and a small dwelling-house for* 37*l.* 10*s., and for the materials of the stables for* 185*l.* 17*s.* 6*d., being* 223*l.* 7*s.* 6*d., which is fully paid, but the premises not conveyed.*

John Parker contracted for 155*l. rent of Greenwich Park, and* 7*l. rent for the site of the Queen's new buildings, for* 2,268*l., which, with the materials of the Castle, Lodge, woods,* 96 *deer, stock of conies, materials of the White House, called the Queen's new buildings, rent of the priory, orchard, &c., comes to* 5,778*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.; whereof reprised by order of the Commissioners for removing Obstructions,* 28 *July* 1653, *in lieu of Uriah Babington's right in the White House for life, by a deed of* 13 *March,* 9 *Car.,* 50*l. a year for* 6 *years, half which amounts to* 325*l.* (*sic*), *leaving* 5,453*l.* 10*s.* 1*d., whereof but* 1,700*l. is paid, and therefore it stands sequestered.*

8 *March* 1653.—*John Trenchard contracted for* 75*l. rent for Vaux Hall, for* 750*l., which is paid, and the premises conveyed.*

1 *March* 1653.—*Francis Thompson contracted for* 309*l.* 5*s. rents of the little park at Windsor, the King's Meadows of* 51 *acres* 3 *roods, and Bushey Close of* 21 *acres, by the box, for* 4,639*l.* 10*s., which, with the materials of the lodge and the trees, comes to* 4,946*l.* 10*s., out of which reprised by order from the Commissioners for removing Obstructions of* 28 *April* 1653, 11*s. a year, payable to Sir Rich. Hanson, for* 5 *acres,* 8*l.* 5*s.; leaving* 4,938*l.* 5*s., of which* 3,473*l.* 5*s. is paid in, but the premises not conveyed.*

5 *April* 1653.—*John Tracey contracted for* 280*l. rent for Kensington division in Hyde Park, for* 3,645*l., which with the trees, &c. comes to* 3,906*l.* 7*s.* 6*d., which is paid, and the premises conveyed.*

Anthony Deane contracted for three divisions of Hyde Park, viz., the old lodge, banqueting house, and middle divisions, rent 465*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. for* 6,064*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. which, with the materials in each, and* 300 *deer* (300*l.*) *comes to* 9,020*l.* 8*s.* 2*d., whereof reprised by order of the Commissioners for removing Obstructions in August* 1653, 975*l. in full of all claims by the Earl of Holland, by virtue of a patent of* 13 *July,* 6 *Car., leaving* 8,045*l., whereof* 7,500*l. is paid; the premises not conveyed.*

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2 *August* 1653.—*John Warre for Rich. Wilcox, contracted for* 177*l. rent of the gravel pit division of Hyde Park for* 2,301*l., which, with trees, &c., comes to* 4,501*l., whereof* 3,575*l. is paid.*

15 *Nov.* 1653.—*Edward Backwell contracted for* 408*l.* 15*s. rent for the meadows, hare warren, Bushy Old Park, new park ground, &c. for* 5,722*l.* 10*s., which, with the trees, &c. comes to* 6,638*l.* 17*s., which is paid. The premises are not conveyed except part of the new park ground to Rich. Caswell.*

13 *Dec.* 1653.—*Reginald Merryott for Col. Rich. Norton, contracted for the middle park, called Jockey's Park, at Hampton Court, rent* 225*l.; with the materials,* 3,701*l.* 19*s. The contract was not signed nor any money paid, and it is therefore void.*—12 *Jan.* 1654.—[5 *pages.*]

23. II. *Account by Uriah Babington of his disposal of Greenwich House and Park.* 24 *Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

2. To acquaint the Protector that the Recorder of London, and some aldermen and citizens, in the name of the Mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of London, attended Council with the desires of the city touching an order of the late Council for stay of proceedings against strangers, and offered divers reasons against the same.

3. To offer it to the Protector as the advice of Council, that — Barton may have the sole printing of his translation of the Psalms. Approved 13 Jan.

4, 5. Order on report of Col. Sydenham from the Commissioners for Inspection of the Treasuries,—that all the treasuries appointed for the use of the navy are fully charged, except the Excise, out of which 1,400*l.* may now be borrowed for furnishing two troops of dragoons, and that Council is desired to grant their order for the repayment out of moneys in Mr. Ledgard's hands, due on his account; —that the Excise Commissioners pay to Gualter Frost 1,400*l.* for furnishing two troops of dragoons for Scotland; and that a warrant be issued to Ledgard to repay it; the acquittance of the Excise Commissioners to be his discharge to Mr. Ledgard.

7. Montague, Wolsley, and Cooper to revise the Act about prisons and prisoners, and to report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 46–48.]

Jan. 12. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that the petition of Richard Beard of Tynemouth be not referred.

2. Order on report of Sir A. A. Cooper from the Committee to consider the table of fees for probate of wills and granting administrations, that the fees certified to Council by the judges for probate of wills, &c., be continued till further order; and that Lieut.-Col. Rich. Sankey be continued Keeper of the Seal, and Treasurer for receiving the profits on the probate of wills and granting administrations. Approved 13 Jan.

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Jan. 12. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

3. Sir A. A. Cooper to acquaint the judges for the probate of wills with the opinion of Council touching their register.

4. Sir Kenelm Digby, being permitted by order of the late Council of 15 November 1652 to come to England, and required to appear before Council within 10 days of his arrival, did this day present himself (whereof by Council's command this entry is made), he being so commanded by the Protector, as was now signified by Sir Gilbert Pickering.

5. The representation of the Committee for claims for land in Ireland referred to the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, to confer with the subscribers, and certify to Council what they think fit to be done.

7. An Ordinance declaring that the offences therein mentioned, and no other, shall be high treason, read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time to-morrow. Read again 16 Jan. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 48, 49.]

Jan. 12. **24.** J. Bolles to Sec. Thurloe. On perusal of my book of precedents, I find this one, which may be useful, *mutatis mutandis*, to his Highness and Council. I will search further, and send other precedents if I find any pertinent to present occasions. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. *Warrant by Charles I. to Lord Keeper Williams, to draw up renewals of the patents of office granted by the late King to the Deputy of Ireland, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, judges, lieutenants of counties, and other civil officers in England.—Westminster,* 28 *March* 1625. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 13. **25.** Petition of Sir John Jacob, Sir Job Harby, and Sir Nich. Crisp to the Protector. We cannot express our obligation for your manifold favours in the unhappy business of the forests. We may miscarry and be torn to pieces by the fancies of a multitude, yet shall submit if you are satisfied that we have done our duty. We make our offers with fear lest they may seem to obstruct the service. All the creditors are not of one mind, but some have offered their moneys, and many may recover from the infection infused by the ill-affected. We pray that we and the creditors of a better mind may go on upon the said Act, as on part of our debt, without the limitations of days and sums which hitherto rendered our endeavours fruitless, and that doubled bills be given for moneys so brought in. We hope by this to do some service by advancing, by our example, the doubling of the public faith [bills], and by keeping the credit of the Act in force. We shall continue our service, and not spare our estates to encourage those that may be brought to a better understanding of their own advantages. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 13. Order thereon that whereas the petitioners and the rest of the old farmers of Customs not only failed to pay in the first 100,000*l.* mentioned in the Act for disafforestation by the day limited, but have not paid it in several further days given them on their earnest

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petition, they have forfeited all the benefit of the Act, and are debarred from doubling on the security thereof the 276,146*l.* therein named; and the forest lands, and the security given by the Act, are discharged from liability for the same. Approved. [*I.* 75, *p.* 50.]

Jan. 13. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Montague, Cooper, and Sydenham to be a Committee to confer with Sir Wm. Roberts and the rest of the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, about putting the sale of forest lands into such a way as may be best for the service, and to report [and discharging them from the debt of the old farmers of Customs].

3. Wolsley, Cooper, and Jones to be a Committee to prepare and present such an Ordinance for the sale of 2 thirds of Papists' [Recusants'] lands as, on consideration of this day's debate, they judge best for the service.

4. Order, on Col. Jones' report to Council that the Protector had signified his approval of their order of Monday last, that the Customs and Excise Commissioners be required to allow such bills of store as Council shall think fit to grant, without payment of excise and custom.

5. All goods whatever that are for the proper and immediate use of the Protector are to be exempted from customs and excise, and warrants issued by Council accordingly.

6. All bills of store for freeing from custom and excise any goods other than those which are for the Protector are to be offered him for special approbation, before any orders be issued for the same from Council.

9. Note of the Protector's approval of 9 orders offered by the Lord President, Jan. 5–13.

10. Order on a paper presented to the Protector from the Hamburg agent, and referred by him to Council last Wednesday, concerning the Salvadore and George, that Dr. Walker, advocate for the commonwealth, attend Council, and give an account of the state of the matter concerning those ships.

11. **26.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners this day made by Major-Gen. Desborow, and of the security given by Capt. Wm. Balthazar and his sureties, that the said captain be released from prison, and that a warrant to the keeper of Newgate be issued accordingly. Approved 20 Jan.

12. Order for repealing several Acts and resolves of Parliament touching subscribing and taking the engagement read the 1st and 2nd time. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 50–52.]

Jan. 13. **27.** Warrant from the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to the Treasurers-at-war, to pay 20,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson for the navy, to be issued on the Admiralty Commissioners' warrants. Receipted 20 Jan. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. $\frac{13}{23}$. Paris. **28.** Sir Geo. Lane, clerk of the Council to the King in France, to Sec. Nicholas. His Majesty,—having taken into his consideration that the common rumour which he finds to be in many places, of

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Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer being under an accusation of high treason, may draw a great prejudice upon his service in those high trusts which he has reposed in him, if the groundlessness and malice of that calumny should not appear in his vindication,—has commanded me to transmit to you this inclosed copy of his declaration and judgment in Council, with his pleasure for communicating the same, as you find it convenient for His Majesty's service. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

28. 1. *Order in the King's Council* $\frac{3}{13}$ *January* $165\frac{3}{4}$.

Present, the King, Queen, Dukes of York and Gloucester, Prince Rupert, Lord Keeper, Lord Chamberlain, Lord Inchiquin, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Jermyn, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Whereas on complaint 22 *December last, by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, of discourses spread abroad to his prejudice, as if he were under accusation of high treason, and on his desire that His Majesty would examine the ground of those discourses, His Majesty, after other inquiries, caused a letter to be read which had been written to himself in August last by Sir Richard Grenville, informing that the said Chancellor had made a step into England before his last coming to Paris; that he had there private conference with Cromwell, and that he had a pension paid him for a long time out of England for intelligence; for the justifying of which information Grenville, being required from His Majesty to send him the grounds thereof, had sent a letter written to him by Robert Long, which was then likewise read; upon which matter, after His Majesty had examined other allegations made by the said Grenville which he found to be untrue, and some whereof His Majesty himself knew to be false, His Majesty had declared his judgment to the said Grenville, and had forbidden him the presence.*

Moreover His Majesty examined Peter Massonett at the Board 12 *January, he having been mentioned as one of the authors of that report, and likewise caused a paper written by the said Robert Long, dated this* 13 *January, in justification of what he had formerly written to Sir Richd. Grenville, to be read* [*which paper His Majesty looks on as a libel, derogatory from his own honour and justice, as also full of malice against Mr. Chancellor, and will hereafter take further consideration thereof*], *and on the whole matter, declares that the accusation and information is a groundless and malicious calumny, and that he is very well satisfied of the Chancellor's constant integrity and fidelity in the service of his father and himself, and moreover that he will in due time further examine this* [*unworthy*] *combination against him, when it shall be more in his power to punish the guilty. In the meantime His Majesty declares his former judgment that*

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Sir Richd. Grenville shall not presume to come into his presence. [*Certified copy,* 1½ *pages.*]

28. II. *Note that the passages given in brackets were added by the King's order.* [*Scrap.*]

Jan. 16. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order by the Protector that Hen. Lawrence be continued President of Council till further order.

2. The petition of the officers and others relating to the navy, and inhabitants of the parish of Chatham, directed to the Protector, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to find out the state of the matter and report. *Annexing,*

29. I. *Report of the said Commissioners* 30 *Jan. after several days' examination, that Mr. Boswell, whom most of the inhabitants wish to settle there as minister, was sequestered* 4 *years ago by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, for refusing the engagement, and inveighing bitterly against the Parliament and army, and by order of Council committed to the Gatehouse, and forbidden to preach more at Chatham, and Mr. Adderley, navy minister, appointed to supply his place till another should be settled; but that Adderley has much disturbed the peace by fomenting differences between the officers in the State's yard, and calumniating the chief officer there. They therefore recommend that he be removed, and —— Wise, an able and godly minister, settled, and request that he may receive the State's allowance, which, with the rectory profits, is but a competent subsistence.* [*Draft,* ¾ *page.*]

3. The petition of John Fowke, alderman of London, to the Protector, referred to the Committee of Council for settling the Act for forest lands, to consider and report the whole state of the case, with their opinions.

5. An Ordinance for repealing a late Act of Parliament, enabling the Commissioners for compounding with delinquents to dispose of 2 parts of the lands and estates of Recusants for the benefit of the commonwealth, &c., read the 1st and 2nd time, and committed to the same Committee.

7. Order that the Commissioners for Compounding give their warrant to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to pay John Owen, Dean of Christchurch, Oxford, 200*l.* [*I.* 75, *pp.* 53, 54.]

Jan. 16. **30, 31.** Opinion of Chief Justice Rolle and Justices Jermyn and Atkins of the common law, Drs. Clerk and Godolphin, Judges of the Admiralty, and Drs. Walker and Turner, civilians, on the demand of the Portuguese Ambassador for the return of his brother Don Pantalion [de Saa], committed for murder, on the ground that it is against the law of nations that one of his family should be tried by these laws.

Where the offence is against the law of nations, the Ambassador and his followers forfeit privileges which they might otherwise

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claim. Having offended against the law of nations, they cannot pray the aid of those laws. *Frustra auxilium legis invocat qui in legem committit.*

Murder is an offence against the law of nations, whilst an offence against the municipal laws is only *crimen prohibitum*, and not *malum in se.*

Sir Edw. Coke reports the case of the Bishop of Ross, who came from Scotland as Ambassador, and, being here, conspired against the Queen, and endeavoured to sow sedition, which, being referred to Lewis, Davy, Drury, Aubrey, and Jones, civilians, they resolved that he had forfeited his privileges.

Dr. Clerke made a difference between the two cases; 1st, both were *publicum malum*, yet that of Ross was *imminens periculum Reipublicæ.* 2nd, Ross was no Ambassador, because his prince was in prison. In this case he said justice should be demanded of the Ambassador, and if he refused, it should be asked of the King.

Dr. Godolphin: Murder is *crimen læsæ majestatis divinæ, crimen læsæ naturæ humanæ, crimen læsæ salutis populi, læsæ societatis politicæ.* If the offender had been in the custody of the Ambassador, and he had refused to deliver him, he had first broken the law of nations. His case is here otherwise. Trial by inquisition must evidence the fact, and then if he will not disown him, the civil law will concur with the common law.

Dr. Walker: The murder is the question. Doubts not that he may be tried, but questions whether at common law by jury. It must in the indictment be *felonie et contra pacem*, else the indictment is void, and these words cannot come in this case. If an enemy be accused, you cannot say it is *felonie et contra pacem*, that implies a subjection.

There is a difference between the Ambassador and his servants, because the Ambassador represents the majesty of the King, and if he have no protection *jure gentium* but whilst he carries himself according to the laws, every foreigner has not. He may be tried by the law of nations, being in custody. *Comes legationis* is severable from him.

The mode is to demand the Ambassador to quit his privileges to his person. If he refuses, to demand him of the prince, and the King cannot say thereupon that he is not guilty; he must say *subjicitur.*

There is no precedent for trial by jury. Where I have committed a *crimen contra jus gentium* I must be tried as the *jus gentium* prescribes.

He is triable. If the person be out of custody, and being demanded is refused, it is *justa causa belli.* If in custody, he may be tried to keep off the war.

The mode is for the case to be represented to the Ambassador, and from him to the King, and then, though the King refuse, he may be tried, which heretofore was by the constable marshall, and not at common law.

The question was put whether,—if upon the demand made of the King he says justice shall be done upon them there, and demands

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that he be sent unto him for that purpose by the law of nations —he ought not to be sent and expect his justice.

Justice Atkins: That he may be indicted to have done it *ex cogitatâ maliciâ, felonie et contra pacem,* because he owes a legal allegiance, and is to be considered no otherwise than any other alien, having forfeited his privileges by his fact.

Dr. Walker: To the question. It must be rather an intimation than a demand.

Marginal note that Justice Atkins, at the Council the 16th of January 1653-4 delivered the opinion of the judges that the fact being committed in this land, the person guilty may be tried by the laws of the land. [2 *copies,* 3 *pages each.*]

[Jan. 16.] **32.** Arguments in favour of the right of trying and punishing even with death crimes committed by the attendants of an Ambassador in the territory to which he is sent; otherwise they might take goods and not pay for them. Quotations thereon from a French writer, Paschalius, Chokier a German, Grotius, &c., with several precedents. [5⅓ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. **33.** Petition of Fras. Ashe, Governor of the Muscovy Company, Adventurers to Greenland, to the Protector. Having discovered Greenland, and protected the trade from the violence of the Dutch, importing fins and oil formerly brought from Biscay, they are much discouraged by intruders into their fishing, causing quarrels and law suits, in spite of orders of the Navy Committee in 1645 and of the Council for Trade in 1650 to the contrary, so that they have lost most of their stock in trade. As several interests cannot fish in one harbour without loss, they beg consideration of their rights, and of the need of managing each harbour by one interest, and by regulations encouraging English interest, and the fishing of more harbours. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 17. Reference thereon to Cooper and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 55.]

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3. Order that Council remove on Thursday next to the other chamber, and that the Surveyor-General have notice thereof.

4. The Council took into debate the ordinance for treasons, which was read by parts, and after several amendments at the table, was upon the question agreed, and ordered to be presented to the Protector as the advice of Council.

5. Like proceeding on the ordinance for repealing several Acts and resolves of Parliament made for subscribing the engagement.

6. Order that—as by an order in Parliament of 28 March 1646, 6 godly and learned divines were placed in Hereford, 3 in the cathedral with a habitation and 150*l.* each, from the dean and chapter's possessions, and as Rich. London, settled there 21 Sept. 1649, has died, and left a widow and children very poor, 30*l.* a year of the 150*l.* due to Rich. Harrison, who succeeded him 16 Nov. last by order of Parliament, be paid to Eleanor, widow of Rich. London, from the time of his death. Approved 20 Jan. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 55, 56.]

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Jan. 18. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The report of Col. Montague, on a reference to a Committee of Council concerning the Post Offices, to be debated next Friday.

2. An Ordinance appointing a Committee of the Army and Treasurers-of-war read the 1st and 2nd time, and committed to Lambert, Sydenham, and Jones.

3. Sir Chas. Wolsley to bring in an Ordinance for reviving the Duchy court till further order.

4. Pickering, Strickland, and Jones, to treat with the persons who have bought the hangings and goods of the late King now in the hands of Serjeant Birkhead, and how money may be had to pay for them; and Serjeant Birkhead is not to deliver them up till further order.

5. Cooper, Sydenham, Jones, and Rouse to be a Committee to prepare an Ordinance touching the grand Excise, and to confer with the Commissioners for regulation of the Excise, and others whom they think fit.

6. Cols. Sydenham and Montague to bring in an Ordinance, on the report from the Commissioners for Inspections (upon petition of the army officers touching the stating of their arrears) for so adjusting the arrears that the soldiery may be able to purchase the lands held out for their satisfaction by several Acts of Parliament.

7. Order that as [Sydrach] Brice and [John] Imwood are willing to relinquish the contract for the hare warren in Hampton Court, transferred to them by Edm. Backwell, the Trustees for sale of Crown lands issue warrants to their treasurers to pay Brice and Imwood 1,370*l.* therefor. Approved 20 Jan. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 57–58.]

Jan. 19. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Cooper, Sydenham, and Montague to bring in an Ordinance for the sale of forests.

2. The Committee to whom the business touching Goldsmiths' Hall is referred to confer with the Commissioners thereof, and enquire of the truth of the information given to Council touching Mr. Moyer, and report.

3. Sir Chas. Wolsley added to the Committee on Sir John Lenthall's business.

4. The Ordinance declaring the offences therein mentioned, and no others, to be high treason, in England, Scotland, Ireland, read the 3rd time, and some alterations being made therein at the table, agreed to, and ordered to be presented to the Protector, as the advice of Council.

5. The Ordinance for repealing several Acts of Parliament for taking the engagement read the 3rd time, agreed, and ordered to be presented to the Protector.

6. Also an Ordinance touching the court of Upper Bench read the 1st and 2nd time.

7. Also an Ordinance for issuing a writ for making Matthew Hales a serjeant-at-law read the 1st and 2nd time.

8. The Lord President presented to the Protector all the Ordinances which were by him and Council passed for laws; and the Ordinances

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touching treason and the engagement were ordered to be printed and published.

9. Order that for the 2 great swords of the late King, bought by Col. Humphreys, there be paid him as much money as they cost him, and that a warrant to that purpose be issued. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 59, 60.]

Jan. 19. Ordinance repealing Acts and resolves of Parliament about taking the engagement.

The general promissory oaths and engagements imposed under penalties having proved burdensome to tender consciences, the Protector and Council declare that the Act of 2 Jan. 1650, for subscribing the engagement and the resolves taken thereupon be repealed and made void, and that the said oath be no longer administered to officers of justice, and no office made void by non-subscription thereto. Also that no person shall be prevented pleading and proceeding in courts of law, justice, or equity, for not taking the engagement. [3 *pages, printed. Vol. I., No.* 69*a. Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

Jan. 20. **34.** Petition of Edw. Knipe to the Protector. I was high sheriff of Surrey last year, and this year, Hen. White was elected in Parliament to serve, but he refuses to be sworn in and execute the office. I have, at my own charge, procured his patent, and given him notice thereof, yet he still refuses to act, to my great damage and danger. I beg that I may be acquitted from the office, and White compelled to execute it. With order thereon that the Attorney-General prosecute White for refusing to execute the office to which he was elected. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Order in Parliament appointed Hen. White of Putney, sheriff of Surrey.*—21 *Nov.* 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

34. II. *Notice by Thos. Martyn, clerk in Chancery, to Hen. White, to take out his patent, and take his oath as sheriff.*—13 *Jan.* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

34. III. *Deposition by John Morris of his delivery of the said notice to White, who bade him take it to his attorney in London, and promised to come up on Monday about the business.*—14 *Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that the Commissioners for Compounding forbear to proceed upon the Act enabling them to dispose of ⅔ of the lands of recusants for the benefit of the State until further order. Approved.

2. Sir A. A. Cooper to move the Protector to put Hen. Robinson's proposals concerning a bank into a speedy and effectual way of consideration.

3. An Ordinance for uniting the people of Scotland into one commonwealth with England read the 1st and 2nd time, and committed to the Committee who brought it in, to consider of the clauses not yet perfected.

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Jan. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

4. This day the Lord President attended the Protector, and received his approbation to 4 orders, 17–20 Jan.

5, 6. Order on report of the Committee on the post offices this day read, that Mr. Manley pay 2,500*l.* for the quarter beginning Jan. 6 within a fortnight, and give such security as Mr. Scobell and Mr. Jessop shall approve for making good his future quarterly payment at the end of each quarter. Approved 23 Jan.

7. Mr. Scobell to prepare an Ordinance for confirming the contract made with Mr. Manley till further order, and forbidding under a penalty all persons to carry letters other than such as are allowed by the tenor of the said contract. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 61, 62.] *Annexing,*

35. 1. *Report alluded to, recommending the above orders, and leaving to Council the consideration of Manley's desire of having the office continued for a longer time, on consideration of perfecting the work and settling posts into Spain, Flanders, and throughout Ireland.* 18 *Jan.* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{20}{30}$. Paris. **36.** Sir Geo. Lane, clerk of the Council to the King in France, to Sec. Nicholas. Since I waited on His late Majesty at Oxford 11 years ago, with a despatch from my Lord Lieutenant, I have diligently sought for a fit opportunity of expressing my resentment for the civility which I then received from you, and I had determined rather to do it personally, on some happy occasion of your attendance on His Majesty, than to give you the trouble of a letter expressly upon that subject; therefore, as I conceived it improper to add anything of this nature to my first letter, it being of public concernment, so I may not omit to render you my humble acknowledgments in this my second, wherein you may be pleased to receive a copy of that paper of Mr. Long's which is named in His Majesty's declaration, and branded by His Majesty's own additional manuscript, in the first draft that was presented for his approbation, according to the inclosed note. Receive the papers only as a due and particular report from me, and not as sent by any warrant from His Majesty. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 23. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

3. The appointed Committee to bring in the Ordinance for appointing a Committee of the Army and Treasurers-of-war to-morrow, and Col. Jones to take care thereof.

4. The ordinance touching treason to be sent by writ under the Great Seal to be proclaimed by all sheriffs, and the Lords Commissioners to issue writs and cause them to be sent accordingly.

5. The Ordinance for uniting Scotland and England, with the alterations made by Council, reported by Major-Gen. Lambert, and this day read, agreed, and ordered to be presented to the Protector as the advice of the Council; and presented by the President accordingly.

6. Lambert, Wolsley, Cooper, and Montague to be a Committee to meet to-morrow at the Cockpit for a conference with the Adven-

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turers for Ireland, on some desires by them tendered to the Protector touching their adventure lands.

7. Wolsley, Cooper, and Montague to be a Committee to consider the proposal of Hen. Robinson concerning a bank.

8. Order on report by Sir Chas. Wolsley concerning the Swedish ship Fortune of Stralsund, taken by the Elizabeth frigate among other ships of Hamburg since released, that the ship be forthwith discharged, and an order issued by Council to the Admiralty Judges to that effect.

9. The following Ordinance read the 1st and 2nd time and passed as law :—Be it ordained by the Protector and Council that all bills signed by the Navy Commissioners for the service of the navy shall be a sufficient warrant for the Navy Treasurer for paying the same.

10. Two orders of 20 Jan. presented to and approved of by the Protector. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 63, 64.]

Jan. 24. **37.** Petition of the parishioners of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields to the Protector and Council, that Hugh Woodward, who has bought James's field, near Charing Cross, and intends to dig, and burn bricks, with intent to build there, and has let part thereof for a lay stall, may be prevented so doing, as it will be an annoyance to Whitehall and James's House, and prejudice the inhabitants of the parish. 80 signatures, of which 2 are marks. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 24. **38.** Reference thereon to Sir A. A. Cooper, Col. Sydenham, and Col. Jones, to report. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 65.]

Jan. 24. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Mr. Moyer to attend Council to-morrow.

3. A paper signed by Hen. Robinson concerning a bequest of Laurence Greene deceased, and referred to the Protector, referred to Wolsley and Montague, to speak with Robinson, inquire the nature and reality of the debt, and report.

4. Col. Sydenham's report from the Committee on Sir John Lenthall's business, referred back to the same Committee, to advise with counsel how it may be put into a speedy way, according to the sense of Council in a debate now had; and also for securing the prisoners and making provision that the creditors be not damnified by changing the custody of the prison, and to prepare something to offer to Council touching the same; Sir A. A. Cooper added to the Committee.

5. The petition of Sir Wm. Killigrew, and other adventurers and purchasers in draining the fens and level lying between Bourne, Boston, and Lincoln, recommended by the Protector and presented by Major-Gen. Lambert, referred to Lambert, Pickering, Cooper, and Wolsley, to consider and report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 65, 66.]

Jan. 24. Harwich. **39.** [Hen. Pack], captain of the Amity, to the Admiralty Committee. Having by order of Gens. Blake and Desborow transported

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the Lords Deputies of the States General, Beverning and Nieuport, to Holland, and landed them at Helvoet Sluys, they desired me to wait 8 days while they communicated their proposals to the States General; and as they and Lady Strickland afterwards certified it would much conduce to the hoped for peace if I remained a further 2 or 3 days, I did so, when the Lord Beverning again came on board, and was this day landed at Harwich. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 25. **40.** Petition of the Mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of Berwick-on-Tweed to the Protector and Council. During the troubles we have always been faithful, and we secured the town for Parliament in 1643, when the Earl of Newcastle came to surprise it, which was an important service to both nations. We have been much impoverished, for in 1640, on the King's invading Scotland, the Scots took most of our cattle, as did the King's forces on the breaking out of the war, and again in 1648, when we had recovered some stock. In 1650, we had the whole horse of the army that marched into Scotland quartered in our meadows, whilst the army remained about Berwick, and since the war with the Dutch broke out, we have lost 3,000*l.* in salmon and other goods taken by them.

Our bridge over the Tweed, built by King James, the only easy passage into Scotland, is much decayed, and will soon be impassable for troops. To repair this and our losses, we beg that the pastures in Berwick bounds belonging to Sir Jas. Douglas, Lord Mordington, a papist in arms taken in Worcester fight, may be conferred on the mayor, bailiffs, &c. for ever, for repair of the bridge, and for the good of the inhabitants; the rather that King James in 1603, those lands being then in the Crown, ordered that they should be preserved for the town, but the Earl of Dunbar, his great favourite, prevailed to obtain a grant of them from him. Signed by Step. Jackson, Mayor, and 20 others. With reference thereon to Major-Gen. Lambert. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

40. I. *Order by the King in Council, on petition of the Mayor and burgesses of Berwick, that the pastures lying about the town, to which they allege a right, and which they have long held, only that of late some have been used for the garrison, be restored to the town, and not obtained for private use, and that any suit therefor be forborne.—Woodstock,* 11 *Sept.* 1603. [1 *page.*]

40. II. *Certificate by Hen. Morton, carpenter, and Geo. Birnett, mason, that the stone and timber of Berwick bridge are decayed, and that* 480*l. will only put it in sufficient repair.* [½ *page.*]

40. III. *Particulars of the lands about Berwick for which Lord Mordington desires to compound.* [1 *page. See Composition Calendar,* 25 *Oct.* 1653.]

Jan. 25. **41.** Copy of the above petition and reference, with Lambert's report that the repairs would cost 480*l.*, and that in the Act of pardon for Scotland, Lord Mordington's interest in the premises was excepted, and they should be granted to the town. Also a second

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1654. reference to Council, 15 June 1654, to consider of an Ordinance for settling the lands named on the town of Berwick. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

41. I., II., III. *Copies of the preceding enclosures.* [3 *papers.*]

Jan. 25. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Cooper, Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Pickering to be a Committee to peruse and put in order the papers touching Mr. Feake and Mr. Simpson, to examine them and report.

3. Sydenham and Jones to go forth and speak with Mr. Moyer, and acquaint him with the resolution of Council, and return and give an account thereof to Council.

4, 5. Sam. Moyer discharged from the place of the check inwards for receipt of Customs of the port of London, and Erasmus Dryden appointed in his stead.

7. Lambert, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Cooper to be a Committee to consider the business touching the forests, and report.

8. Edw. Winslow to be a Commissioner for Compounding, and to act as fully as any Commissioner named in the Act entitled An ordinance for continuing the powers to Commissioners for Compounding, for Advance of Moneys, and Indemnities, published by order of Dec. 31st last.

9. James Russell, Capt. John Stone, and George Foxcroft to be Commissioners to take the accounts of the Prize Goods' Commissioners and of all prize collectors and officers, and an Ordinance to be brought in for that purpose. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 67, 68.]

Jan. 25. Plymouth. **42.** J. Blackborne to Rob. Blackborne. The proprietor of the wines will suffer them to be condemned by the Commissioners, so the business can be done this term. Mr. Strelley entered an information against an eminent person, not for nonpayment of custom, but for landing goods before the entry of his ship, and in that he has acted up to the rules. We have had a survey and sale of Spanish tobacco, which sold at 5*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* 8*d.* a pound, and of sugars. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 26.] **43.** Petition of Charles Earl of Derby to the Protector. Had 500*l.* a year granted by a late Act of Parliament, but the Drury House trustees, who were to set it forth, allotted him but 227*l.*, being all that was left unsold, and the rest in reversion. Has purchased from the said trustees the demesnes of Latham House, Knowlesly, Childwall, &c., and paid the first moiety, but the last moiety of 1,800*l.* due 1 Feb. he cannot pay on account of extreme poverty and debts, having no subsistence till lately by his Highness' influence, and therefore all he has will be sequestered. Begs remission of the 1,800*l.*, and also to have the tenancies of Burscough, the demesnes being already purchased, and any small part yet unsold of his father's estate without payment. With reference thereon, 18 Jan. 1654, to Council. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 26. Order thereon in Council that the Earl have time given him till 20 April next for payment into the treasury at Drury House of the last half of the money due upon the purchase of the demesne of

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Lathem, Knowlesly, Childwall, Burscough, and Much and Little Walton, without incurring any penalty; but the Protector and Council think not fit to make any further addition or abatement to the said Earl, as desired in the petition. [*I.* 75, *p.* 69.]

Jan. 26. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Henry Lord Arundel to the Protector, which was referred to Council, referred to Cooper, Wolsley, and Jones, to consider, and report.

2. Col. Jones to move the Protector about giving a public signification to the Commissioners in Ireland of the late change of government.

4. Order, on several petitions of divers parishioners of Clapham and Patching in Sussex, and on a certificate of 8 justices of peace for that county, to whom the petitions were referred by an order of Council; that Sam. Wilmer, now minister of Clapham, be rector of Patching, and that the said parishes of Clapham and Patching be united, and all tithes and duties due to both rectors be paid to Wilmer and his assignees, as if the same were one rectory. Approved 3 Feb. *Annexing,*

44. I. *Report thereon of Thos. Ballard, Mayor of Arundel, John Fagge, and Wm. Freemyn, that the Bishop of Chichester last presented; that the churches are only ½ a mile distant; that the inhabitants of both wish a conjunction and Sam. Wilmer as their pastor, and that the writers concur therein. —Steaning, Sussex,* 16 *Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

5. Col. Jones acquainting Council that he has moved the Protector according to an order of this day, touching the signification of the change of government to the Commissioners for Ireland, order that Lambert, Visct. Lisle, and Cols. Montague and Jones be a Committee to attend the Protector in a conference about that and other matters concerning Ireland.

8. Col. Sydenham's report from the Commissioners for Inspection, of an Ordinance for enabling the Excise Commissioners to issue moneys according to the warrants of the Commissioners for Inspection of the Treasury, on twice reading and amendments, agreed on, and to be presented to the Protector as the advice of Council.

9. Wolsley and Sydenham to withdraw and confer with Mr. Backwell and Mr. Woolnough.

10. The report of the Inspection Commissioners on Sir John Trevor and Mr. Lake's petition to be presented, and considered to-morrow.

12. An Ordinance for erecting Courts baron in Scotland read the first and second time, and committed to that Committee of Council that brought in the Bill for uniting Scotland to this commonwealth. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 68–71.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Commission to John Semaine to make 8 cwt. of saltpetre weekly within the counties of Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge, and

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in Colchester, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Bury St. Edmonds, Yarmouth, and Lynn, for the State's service, during the time mentioned in the late Act of Parliament published Feb. 9th last, calling to his assistance such officers and workmen as he needs, paying them, and observing the directions of the Act and orders of his Highness and Council; all mayors and other officers to assist him. [*I.* 75, *p.* 71.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Protection from impress, bearing or finding arms, and rates, taxes, and tolls, for all the workmen employed by Semaine, and their horses. [*I.* 75, *p.* 72.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Council to the justices of peace, mayors, bailiffs, &c., in the several counties and towns concerned. That Semaine's work may be better carried on, we specially recommend him and those he employs for their expeditious furnishing with carriages for their liquors, utensils, and other materials, at the rates appointed in the Act; and for preserving the mine of saltpetre, and returning the names of such as wilfully damage it, that they may be proceeded against, and for executing all other things required by the Act for promoting that work, and satisfaction of the country in case of disorder. [*I.* 75, *p.* 72.]

Jan. 27. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. An Ordinance appointing Commissioners for managing the lands and estates of delinquents and papists read the 1st and 2nd time, and committed to the Committee which brought it in.

2, 3. Order on report of Major-Gen. Desborow from the Admiralty Commissioners—that whereas by special order of Council, no moneys arising by the receipt of prize goods are to be issued out till 14,000*l.*, formerly advanced out of the Tower, be repaid; yet as the necessities of the widows and orphans who have lost their relations in the service are very pressing, the Protector and Council should order the Prize Goods' Commissioners to satisfy all warrants of the Admiralty Commissioners for sums to widows or orphans; also all signed by the Commissioners for Inspection for moneys payable to the Commissioners for sick and wounded men by direction of the Admiralty Commissioners, any former order to the contrary notwithstanding—adopting the said report. Approved 31 Jan.

5. **45.** Order that Lord Chief Justice Rolle, and the other justices of the Upper Bench, direct proceedings against Sir John Lenthall, marshal of the Marshalsea, on complaints against him, and proceed to justice, taking such course meantime for disposal of the prison and prisoners as may be most secure, and agreeable to law and justice. Approved 28 Jan.

6. Several orders named, of January 15–20, being presented to the Protector as the advice of Council, he gave his assent, and the President acquainting Council therewith, the same upon the question passed for a law. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 74, 75.]

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1. The report of Major-Gen. Lambert, on the amendment of the Ordinance appointing a Committee for the Army and Treasurers-at-war, read, agreed, and ordered to be offered to the Protector.

2. Thos. Rand, Wm. Palmer, Robert Yarborow, Neh. Rawson, Wm. Harvey, Wm. Welby, and the Mayor of Lincoln added for the time being to the Commissioners in the Act for an Assessment at the rate of 120,000*l.* by the month for six months, from 25 December 1653, to 24 June 1654, towards the maintenance of the army and navy, published by order 24 November 1653, as if they had been named in the aforesaid Act.

3. Like order for Edw. Hooper and Philip Stansby to be added to the Commissioners for co. of Dorset.

4. Like order for the Mayor of Banbury to be added to the Commissioners for co. Oxon.

5. Like order for Chris. Piercehay and Sir Robert Barwick to be added to the Commissioners for co. York.

6. Order on the Protector's consent to the above being signified, that they be passed for law by the Protector and Council, and be printed and published.

7, 8. The petition of Charles Cavendish Viscount Mansfield, referred to Cooper, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Jones, to report.

9. Col. Sydenham to bring in an Ordinance for doubling upon the remainders of bishops and deans and chapters' lands, and bringing in of the moneys made upon contracts there.

10. Order on report by the Committee of Council on the business of Mr. Feake and Mr. Simpson, that they be committed to prison, in order to the preservation of the peace of this nation.

11. Windsor Castle to be the place to which they shall be committed, and the President to issue warrants to that purpose.

12. On presentation to the Protector by the President of an Ordinance empowering the Commissioners of Customs to pay 10,670*l.* to the treasurers of the East India Company, and on his consent thereunto, the Ordinance was passed for law.

14. An Ordinance to be brought in for making good an order of the late Council of State of 30 June last, for settling lands on Nich. Lockyer and the arrears incurred since.

15. Col. Jones to prepare and present an order for respiting half the monthly assessment for co. Cardigan till further direction.

16. Lambert, Strickland, and Sydenham to be a Committee to consider of taking off the restraint on the import of French wines, and to report. Also to prepare and offer what they think fit for regulating the price and quality of wines. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 76-78.]

Jan. 28. Bristol. **46.** Jas. Powell to Col. Jno. Clerke, Commissioner for Irish affairs. Let the Truelove convoy the vessels freighted here for Ireland, as there are many Brest pickeroons upon the coast, which have taken two Bristol ships and several others, and deter the barks from going out. The merchants beg that the frigate here almost ready may take them under protection. I hope the peace will enable the State to employ vessels to secure trade against the French rogues. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 30. **47.** Petition of Edw. Knipe to the Protector. Upon your reference on my former petition [*see* 20 *January* 1654] I applied to the Attorney-General, but he says there is no remedy for me at law. I beg that [Hen.] White may be summoned before Council to show cause why he does not execute the office of high sheriff of Surrey. With order for his appearance in six days. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 30. **48.** Copy of the above. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 30.] **49.** Petition of Sir David Watkins, Wm. Witherings, and others concerned in the foreign letter office, to the Protector. By patent of 7 Car., and by several assignments, we are interested in the office of postmaster for foreign parts, for an estate of freehold therein yet in being, during the life of Wm. Frizzell, which we have enjoyed for 20 years, save that about 16 Car., one Burlamachi attempting to incroach on our freehold, our title was resolved good, and restored by a judgment of a grand committee of the House of Commons, since which time we have faithfully executed the office.

There being many agitations before the Council of State, 29 June 1653, on our petition, it was referred to the Committee for Posts to consider our claim and report. On 30 June 1653, a warrant was gained by Mr. Manley from the Council of State, whereby he is empowered to execute the office for postage of letters, both foreign and inland, and to receive the profits. On 1 October 1653, the Council of State referred our petition to the Committee for farming the Post Office, to examine and state the fact. Being dispossessed of our freehold without a hearing by Manley's warrant, we beg its recall, restitution of the profits, and a speedy hearing. With reference thereon to Council, to put the whole business concerning the Post Office into a way of full examination, that all parties may be duly heard, and the whole matter truly stated. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 30. Whitehall. **50.** Reference thereon by Council to Pickering and Montague [⅔ *page. Also I.* 75, *pp.* 79.]

[Jan. 30.] **51.** Petition of Clement Oxenbridge and Francis Thomson, on behalf of the first undertakers for reducing the postage of inland letters to half the former rates, to the Protector. Satisfied of the freeness in law of the postage of letters to any that would undertake the same, and that the postage of inland letters might be undertaken at half the usual rates with profit, we were the first to undertake accordingly, which was so much to the satisfaction of persons of commerce and correspondence, that notwithstanding the falling of the Attorney-General to half his rates, and the advantages he took against us by stopping our mails on Lord's days, &c. the people continued to send their letters by us.

On the dissolution of Parliament, 20 April 1653, we were the only persons who performed the State's service in conveying their despatches, and it was our care to retain in employment all such postmasters on the road as were reputed godly and well affected. Our charges, losses, &c. amount to 5,146*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, 3,238*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* more than we have had return of, besides our pains and time.

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At the end of the interval between the two late Parliaments, the postage of letters being referred by the then Council of State to Col. Rich and others, they made such a representation to Council, without fully hearing our case, that the postage of letters was farmed to John Manley, who violently turned us out of our house and employment, at less than an hour's warning, to our then great damage, we having accounts to make with all the postmasters, and many servants and horses on our hands. Many hundred citizens of London, and other towns, petitioned the late Parliament in our behalf, and these petitions, with our own, were ordered by the Committee for Petitions to be reported to the House 8 weeks ago.

We beg reimbursement for sums out of purse, and reparation for damages out of such moneys as the present farmer stands obliged to pay to the State, which was judged equal and just by the Council of State, in the interval between the two late Parliaments, in case the postage of letters were granted away from us; also to be free to carry letters as formerly, doing the State service, and accommodating private persons at more reasonable rates, there being a multitude of complaints against the exactions and miscarriages of the present farmer. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

51. I, II. "*The case of the undertakers for reducing postage of letters to just and moderate rates stated; and therein the liberty of a commonwealth, the weal of the merchant and industrious trader, and the birthright of every freeman vindicated from monopolizing restraints, and mercenary farming of public offices.*" *Being arguments against Manley's claim of the monopoly of carrying letters, as contrary to the light of nature and of a free State, to the fundamental laws of England, and to Magna Charta, Acts of Parliament, and the decisions of the judges.* [4 *pages, printed.* 2 *copies.*]

Jan. 30. Whitehall. **52.** Reference thereon in Council to Pickering and Montague, to report. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 79.]

Jan. 30 ? **53.** Information of Henry Robinson, merchant of London, to the Committee for Accounts, and for discovering frauds, &c., against the heirs of Thos. Witherings, lately deceased, Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Rich, his son, Wm. Jessop, Sir David Watkins, and Wm. Witherings: that the foreign letter office, with its profits, which of right belong to the commonwealth, has been executed, concealed, and detained by the said parties, through combination, for 20 years before the late King's death, and ever since, and that the profits and arrears are still unaccounted for in their hands. Begs a summons to the said parties to appear and answer the charge against them. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 30. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Baron Thorpe, Mr. Recorder of London, and Sir Wm. Roberts, to prepare an Ordinance for repairing the highways, preserving them, and preventing the inconvenience arising by carriages, especially in and about London.

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2. The Admiralty Judges to issue out commissions in the best way they find fit, for trial of the pirates now prisoners in Dorsetshire. Approved 3 Feb.

3. **54.** The Navy Commissioners to examine the matter of fact alledged in the petition of James Jackson, commander of the Green Olive of Ipswich, preferred to the late Council of State, and by order of the Admiralty Committee of Feb. 21, 1653, referred to the said Commissioners, and to confer with the petitioner, state the matter of fact, and certify. *Annexing,*

54. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee alluded to, on Jackson's petition for* 87*l.* 10*s. for carrying packets from Council to the Generals at sea, and to Capt. Pestell in the Orkneys.* [1 *page.*]

8. Order on report of the Committee for the Tower, that the Lieutenant be allowed his bills for fees, wages, and demands for last Michaelmas quarter, amounting to 456*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, and for Christmas quarter, amounting to 368*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, to be satisfied out of the arrears of the revenue of the late King, Queen, and Prince; and that Thos. Faulconbridge pay them.

That in the future establishment for the Tower, the allowance to the physician, apothecary, and surgeon be taken off together with the said officers, and their salaries added as an increase of allowance to the minister of the Tower, his allowance being but 20*l.* a year.

That the 40 warders be reduced to 30, as their places become void.

9. The gentleman porter, and yeomen warders to attend their duties in their own persons, on penalty of forfeiting their places, unless by reasonable cause, to be allowed of by the Lieutenant, and on leave from him to be absent, which leave of absence shall not exceed 14 days, except in case of sickness, and shall not be allowed above twice a year, nor to more than 6 of the warders at one time.

10. As the places of 10 of the warders to be reduced become vacant, the pay allowed them to be added as an increase of pay to the Lieutenant, in respect of his extraordinary care and trouble.

11. The 6 gunners (to which the former number of 120 is reduced) to be added to the Tower establishment, and to be paid 2*s.* each a day, and to reside within the Tower, that they may be ready to execute their duties.

12. The Lieutenant not to make sale of any of the warders' places on their becoming void, but to supply them by choice of persons in all respects fit for such a trust, and to admit them gratis.

13. According to the said resolution, the future establishment of the Tower to be settled, and one of the clerks of Council to prepare an establishment and present it to Council. Approved 3 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 78–81.] *Annexing,*

55. I, II. *Report of the Tower Committee, on which the above* 6 *orders are founded; adding on behalf of the Lieutenant that his present fee is but* 400*l., whilst his expenses cannot be less*

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than 900*l. a year. That the rate of a house and ground in the Tower, and the placing of* 300 *soldiers in the rooms that were let to prisoners, lessens his income by* 500*l. That his predecessor, who held the office* 7 *years, died* 5,000*l. in debt. That the present Lieutenant does not expect an allowance equivalent to his expense, but is willing to spend most of his yearly income and "his whole man" in the service, and break into the stock laid by for his many children. His pay as Colonel and Governor of Chester, before he was made Lieutenant of the Tower, was much more, and his expense and trouble not* ½ *so much. That* ⅔ *of the prisoners that come in pay little or nothing. Formerly they were persons of quality, and had their own estates and very large allowance from the Exchequer, most of which went into the Lieutenant's purse, as he dieted them. The change of government adds to his charge, it being requisite for him to live suitable to his place.* 16 *Jan.* 1654. [4¼ *pages,* 2 *papers.*]

55. III. *A list of the establishment of the Tower of London as to the Lieutenant and those under his command, with an estimate of the incident charges, drawn out according to order of Council of* 30 *January* 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 30. The Swiftsure. **56.** Judge Advocate J. Fowler to Robt. Blackborne. My wife reports your kindness in getting my payments. You showed me that the 16*d.* a day taken off for De Banks was to be given to any interpreter, but I acted alone. I need no one for the French tongue, and as to Dutch, having travelled 4 years, I can question any skipper and have satisfied the Generals. They have granted me a commission for full salary, which was confirmed by the Admiralty Commissioners, with an addition of 14*d.* a day from the State, which will return to the State if I have the 16*d.* granted the interpreter, and by this (with a common man's wages and diet for himself and servant, which could not be denied him) will save the State 70*l.* a year, although I believe the Commissioners will add the 14*d.* to me also. I was taking examinations and attending Courts daily. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 30. Yarmouth. **57.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Committee. The great frigates cannot be launched for three weeks, as the masts are still being made at London. I am working the hemp from Newcastle into yarn, but some bundles are half rotten. There are 6 or 7 Dutch men-of-war on the coast, who have taken 8 sail, one of which is mine, and I believe that as we are upon concluding a peace, a word from General Desborow would get her back for me. A vessel from Ostend reports that the States of Holland, Zealand, and most of the provinces have signed the agreement. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 31. **58.** Petition of Major Neh. Bourne to the Protector. Fourteen months ago, there being a great want of large masts in the State's stores, I adventured to New England in 3 ships to supply them by contract; but 2 of the ships, having no convoy, were taken by the

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Dutch, and the third foundered at sea, to a loss of 1,000*l.* Toward repair thereof, I beg a Dutch prize ship, or leave to buy 3 or 4 at the appraised rate. I have performed many years' faithful service, especially on the Scottish coast, where I spent much more than my salary, having only captain's pay, though I wore a flag, and sometimes commanded 10 or 15 ships. With special recommendation to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

58. I. *Address of Major Bourne to the Protector, that as most of the best prizes have been sold last week, he may have a gift of one or more, to the value of* 400*l. or* 500*l.* [½ *page.*]

Jan. 31. Order thereon that the Prize Goods Commissioners assign him one or more prize ships to the value of 400*l.* Approved 2 Feb. [*I.* 75, *p.* 81.]

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2. Major-Gen. Lambert added to the Committee for the Greenland Company.

3. The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint the captain of the Fortune, now at Bristol, to convoy the vessels bound thence to the west of Ireland, between Waterford and Kinsale, for securing them from pickeroons which infest the coast. Approved 3 Feb.

4. The letter to the Protector from Saltonstall, Syler, and Desborow, from Leith, dated 24 January, with a paper inclosed, entitled "An answer to the information sent unto them from Council" referred to the Committee for Scotland, to consider and report.

5. Col. Whichcott and Fras. Young to restrain the cutting down and carrying away wood in Windsor forest, by the inhabitants near, and to report what should be done to apply it for firing at Whitehall, without embezzlement.

6. **58***a.* The Army Committee to order the collecting of half the monthly assessment charged on co. Cardigan by the last Act to be respited, and to require the Treasurers-at-war, collectors, and other officers not to call for the arrears of one half the said assessment, due since December 24, 1649. Approved 3 Feb.

7. Order on report of the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, on a reference of Sir John Trevor and Mr. Lake's petition, that the 4,299*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* due upon the bills charged by Mr. Ledgard on the Army Committee to Trevor and Lake be paid out of the money in Ledgard's hands due on his account, and that the Committee for Inspection consider how this may best be paid, that the commonwealth may receive no damage. Col. Montague to confer with the Committee and report. *Annexing,*

59. I. *Order by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries that Col. Sydenham offer to Council the report made on their order, on the petition of Sir John Trevor and Lancelot Lake.*—13 *January* 1654. [½ *page.*]

59. II. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners alluded to, that in* 15 *Charles, Sir Ralph Freeman, Sir Thos. Bludder, the petitioners, and Abr. Perrott, on surrender of a former*

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lease and payment of 20,000*l.*, *had a grant of* 5*s. a chaldron on coals exported, and* 3*s.* 4*d. more on coals exported by strangers, and* 1*s.* 8*d. on coals transported by English, and* 1*s. on all coals carried out of the Tyne, on rent of* 8,300*l.*; *but Parliament took away these impositions, except the* 1*s. a chaldron, and promised a proportionate abatement in their rent. From* 1645 *to* 1647 *the duty was received by the Scots, who held that garrison. In* 1647, *the Revenue Committee reduced their rent to* 1,838*l.* 12*s.* 4¾*d.*, *of which the whole rent for* 1649 *is unpaid, and also* 919*l.* 6*s.* 2½*d. for* 1653. *But* 200*l. was usually allowed the farmers for* 4,000 *chaldrons free of duty for the poor of London.*

Also that Dawson and Tomkins paid 4,299*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. to Mr. Ledgard for Trevor and Lake, but the money was not paid them, because Sir A. Heselrigg had represented that some delinquents were interested in the lease. That Freeman and Bludder were delinquents, but have compounded for their interest in the lease, and that* ⅕ *belongs to Mr. Ashfield, recusant, and was accounted for at Haberdashers' Hall till* 1650 *inclusive.* [2 *pages.*]

9. The Earl of Nottingham's petition to his Highness to be considered to-morrow.

10. The Ordinance for pardoning all persons in Scotland other than such as are particularly excepted to be read to-morrow.

12. The Ordinance for reviving several Acts and orders giving power to a Committee for the Militia of London assented to by the Protector. [*J.* 75, *pp.* 81–83.]

[Jan. 31.] **60.** The case of the freemen adventurers for the fishing in Greenland, presented to Parliament. The fishing was discovered 40 years ago by Hull men, but the company claim the sole right thereto, on pretext of an Act of Parliament passed before its discovery, and without any relation thereto; and by Council orders, they have suppressed and imprisoned all not of the company, thus monopolizing the trade, advancing the price of oil, and compelling the import of much Dutch oil.

They now desire confirmation of Horn Sound and Bell Sound, leaving the others free; but most of the others are inaccessible from ice, and these are large enough for more fishers than ever adventured thither.

Can it be consistent with public good to restrain the fishing to 50 people, who cannot bring in sufficient oil, and who enhance the price, when others offer to set out double the shipping, if the trade may be free? The adventurers have sent out this year 1,100 tons of shipping, as much as the company's average, and if the company's desires be granted, their voyages will be destroyed. Signed by Geo. Baker, Rich. Warner, and 15 others. [1 *sheet, printed.*]

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Jan. 31. **61.** Arguments by Fras. Ashe, Governor of the Muscovy Company, to prove that several interests cannot conveniently fish for whales in one harbour, but that it would be beneficial if they fished in several harbours. [2¼ *pages.*]

[Jan. 31.] **62.** Reasons why several adventurers and stocks cannot fish whales together in one harbour, and why the great harbour of Bell Sound should be fished by a joint stock, being too large for particular adventurers.

1. If those who first arrive choose their places, some will go a month before the season, augmenting charge and destroying profit.

2. None will build storehouses or durable accommodation for their men, which they might only enjoy for one year.

3. Most will go to Bell Sound, and the other harbours will be left to the French and Dutch. Also there will be much loss, for part of the Sound being shallow, and part blocked with ice, 30 or 40 shallops all in one interest, and killing every whale that rises, would fish it better than 60 or 70, who would rather hinder than help each other.

4. This is rather a hunting above ground than fishing under water, and would lead to much contention as to who first struck a whale, much entangling of warps and lines where more than one whale is struck, and strife as to which should cut and lose their whales, and also to contest about drift whales.

5. There are more losing than gaining voyages made, but once in 3 or 4 years the whales come in shoals, and then 300 or 400 tuns of oil are made more than can be brought home, and are left in the company's storehouses till next year; but private adventurers would neither have storehouses nor casks, nor would their mariners be willing to spend time and labour, not knowing who should fetch the oil home.

6. English interests will not be preserved against the Dutch and French, for the company sends one ship at least to each harbour for defence, whilst the rest turn the whales.

7. Unless there be a joint stock, the company's stock of 20,000*l.* will not be employed in fishing, and thus the nation's fishing will be diminished. They desire no more of the continent than they improve to common advantage, and leave all the rest free to adventurers. [1½ *pages.*] *Also*

Objections of the Muscovy Company to Mr. Horth's propositions to have ⅙ in the harbour with them, and supply ⅙ of the men and fishing.

1. That if they allow it to him, they must allow it to any other who asks it.

2. It will unsettle the company's trade, as they cannot set out their ships till they know what part the rest of the nation will furnish.

3. The accounts will be endless and intricate, and the company, with a stock of 20,000*l.*, should not involve themselves with insolvent men, to whom they must pay all dues, but from whom they could receive nothing.

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4. It will send all to the harbours already settled, and none will visit the 30 or 40 more harbours discovered, but where the company do not fish.

On the whole, the company decline, on account of damage, bloodshed, and loss, to fish in a general joint stock, free for others to come into their harbours. [⅔ *page.*] *Also,*

Six reasons why the company should be preferred before others to the choice of the harbours in Greenland. [½ *page.*]

[Jan. 31.] **63.** Copy of the preceding paper. [2⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. 31. **64.** Answer to the preceding 7 reasons by the free adventurers. With note that the Dutch first had a company for the Greenland fishery, but recalled it on experience of public loss, and their trade has increased ever since. [1¼ *pages.*] *Also,*

65. Five propositions by Edw. Whitwell, for himself and others, for regulating and increasing the fishing in Greenland by free admission of all. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 31. **66.** Nine reasons by Edw. Whitwell, on behalf of the free adventurers, against the claim of the Muscovy Company to the sole right of fishing in Greenland. [1 *page. The papers not calendared in full contain repetitions of arguments already calendared.*]

[Jan. 31.] **67, 68.** Two copies of the preceding 9 reasons and 5 propositions. [*Printed,* 1 *page each.*]

Jan. 31. **69.** Reasons by Rich. Eccleston on behalf of the adventurers of Hull, why the Greenland trade should be free.

1. That all living under the same government, and having common charges, should enjoy the same liberties.

2. That those who seek to engross the trade do it by right of a monopolizing patent, inconsistent with the freedom of a commonwealth.

3. That the State would be strengthened by the increase of shipping and seamen employed in these voyages.

4. That the country would be furnished with oil and fins, instead of buying from the Hollander, 12 ships so laden having come at one time this year from Amsterdam to Hull.

5. That if one harbour were kept for the old company, others forced by weather into that harbour would be in danger of losing their voyage. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 31.] **70.** Arguments addressed to the Council for Trade by Thomas and Lancelot Anderson, Edw. Whitwell, and 3 others, for the free adventurers, to prove the possibility of several adventurers fishing in one harbour, following the existing regulations, for as the whales come in shoals of 200 or 300, it would rarely happen that several adventurers would chase one whale. Bell Sound is 30 miles by 15, and Green harbour yet larger, and the circumference not known.

The entangling of lines has not been known to happen, and could easily be regulated for. The case of drift whales could be provided for by all adventurers marking their whale irons. [7 *pages.*]

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[Jan. 31.] **71.** Brief heads of the arguments used on both sides of the case. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan.] **72.** Petition of Edward, Earl of Worcester, prisoner in the Tower, to the Protector, for release on bail, his imprisonment for 18 months having injured his health, as certified by the sworn physician of the Tower. It was proved that he was not engaged against the State since the time limited in the Act of grace, and came only out of confidence to submit to this Government, and chiefly to his Highness. [1 *page.*]

Jan.? **73.** Earl of Worcester to the Protector. Let me remind you how long I have been a suitor for this poor petition, and pray call for it to be read, which will be a great charity added to the rest of your favours. [1 *page.*]

Jan.? **74.** Petition of Fras. Ashe, Governor, and the Muscovy Company to the Protector. Long ago discovered Greenland, and placed the English standard there, and though King James by several Acts declared his right to the country, the Hollanders have intruded into the fishing, damaging them in 1618 to the amount of 22,000*l.*, of which they have never been able to obtain restitution, though often demanded. Beg consideration of their loss and title in the present treaty with the Hollanders. [1 *page.*]

Jan.? **75.** Petition of John Godolphin, Wm. Clerk, Walter Walker, and 8 other doctors of civil law, for themselves and their profession, to the Protector. They acknowledge divine providence in his present Government; study the text of the civil law, and the customs and laws of nations; engage to be faithful to him, and hope their profession will be useful to him and the nation. Beg that it may not be discouraged, and the professors extirpated for want of employment. Request an audience to propound some way whereby the profession may be practised, and students encouraged, without prejudice to the laws and customs of the nation. [1 *page.*]

Jan.? **76.** Petition of Mary, wife of Dan. Kemble, miner of Tewksbury, to the Protector. My husband has been 20 years subject to fits of distraction, during which his neighbours pass by abuses done in passion; but lately one of them brought an action against him, and drew words from him in his passion for which he has been sent to prison. I beg his release, or I and my children will be undone. [1 *page.*]
Annexing,

76. I. *Certificate by John Wells, minister, Wm. Neast and Rob. Jennings, justices, W. Hill, town clerk, 5 common councilmen, and 16 others, to the lunacy of Dan. Kemble; made at request of his wife, "a discreet, religious woman, and having a great charge of children."—Tewksbury, 6 Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

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Feb. 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Charles, Earl of Nottingham, referred to Pickering and Wolsley, to state the case on the grants of the pensions the continuance of which is prayed, to consider the petition of the Countess, and report on both.

2. Lambert, Sydenham, Cooper, and Jones to be a Committee to consider the setting forth a settled revenue for the Protector's household and other expenses, also to confer with him of a convenient way for signing warrants for payment of moneys.

4. Order on consideration of what was offered to Council concerning Humphrey Thomas, now prisoner, and his undertaking to make discovery of several robbers, that the Lieutenant of the Tower, Ald. Tichborne and Mr. Walcup, justices of peace for Surrey, inquire if his discovery is likely to be of service, and report.

5. Lambert, Wolsley, Cooper, Viscount Lisle, and Montague to consider the draft of an Ordinance and other proposals on behalf of the adventurers for Irish lands.

6. An Ordinance touching the pardon of all in Scotland, but such as are particularly excepted, read the first time.

7. Order that the judges for probate of wills and administrations appoint 2 or more of them to take the accounts of fees in that Court as ascertained by the table, and consider the certificate about the account made to the late Council, Oct. 7, 1653, and take care that all profits arising by overplus of any estate the administration whereof is granted to creditors—just debts being first satisfied—and by persons dying without kindred, be duly accounted for to the Protector. They are empowered to examine on oath accountants and witnesses touching the premises, and to cause money due to be paid; they may settle or reduce the number of clerks and officers of the Court, and may commit to prison such as disobey any orders of the said court. Approved 3 Feb.

8. The Ordinance for reviving several Acts and orders empowering a Committee for the Militia of London passed for law, and ordered to be printed and published.

9. The petition of the traders for cotton wool, and fustians, and that of the poor weavers of fustian in Lancashire, on behalf of themselves and several thousands, referred to Skippon, Major, and Jones, to report.

10. The Committee to whom the bringing in of the Ordinance for a Committee for Revenue is referred to consider the revenue by first fruits and tenths, and how it may be best managed. Major-Gen. Lambert added to that Committee.

11. Order on report that Amb. Whitelock has drawn bills for 1,000*l.* allowance, and 1,500*l.* extras for his journey, that a warrant be drawn for the 1,000*l.*, but that Lambert, Skippon, Lisle, Montague, and Wolsley confer with Mr. Cockayne about the additional charge, and report. Approved 3 Feb.

12. Mr. Fryer, Col. Jermy, Majors Keen and Burton, and Thos. Bendish to examine the misdemeanors of which Thos. Brecket,

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constable of Lowstock [Lowestoft] and others are accused of disturbing several well affected in their religious observances on Sunday Jan. 22, and to certify the true state of the case.

13. The Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to issue the warrants ordered 11 Jan. last, relative to payment of 1,400*l.* to Mr. Frost. Approved 3 Feb. [*See p.* 356 *supra.*]

14. Next Friday afternoon assigned to receive from Secretary Thurloe what he offers in reference to an establishment of the clerks and other officers to attend Council.

15. Order on a certificate from the Admiralty Judges,—that the Star of Emden is the Emdener mentioned in their report of Nov. 26 last, and falls under the same consideration with the Hamburg ship which was discharged;—that the Star be released and restored to her master, and a warrant issued to the Admiralty Judges accordingly. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 84–87.]

Feb. 2. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. To offer to the Protector that Col. Mackworth be admitted a member of Council.

2. The Treasury Commissioners in Scotland to be required to pay Alexander Jaffray 1,500*l.* out of the treasury in Scotland.

3. An Ordinance passed touching Alex. Jaffray and others of Scotland, bound for 9,000*l.* to Scotch merchants in Holland.

4. The Ordinance for uniting Scotland into one commonwealth with England read and debated, one clause concerning mottoes being by order upon the question omitted, and the Ordinance so amended ordered to be engrossed.

5. An establishment for Portsmouth, Southsea Castle, and Portland, from Oct. 17, 1653, formerly ordered by Council to be reported to Parliament, amounting to 623*l.* 14*s.* by the month, confirmed as to the payment of what is due in arrear, and the arrears to be paid by the Treasurers-at-war, to whom the Army Committee are to issue their warrants.

6. Order that 4 serjeants and 1 corporal, certified by Col. Chas. Worsley to be mustered in the Protector's regiment of foot, from 22 August last, be added to the army establishment, and continued as long as the regiment shall continue 1,200 strong, and that their arrears of pay from Aug. 22, be paid by the war treasurers, to whom the Army Committee are to issue warrants.

7. Dr. Bastwick's petition to be read to-morrow.

9. A letter to the Protector from Robert Turner of Jan. 31 referred to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and Col. Goffe, to examine and report.

10. The Protector's approbation given to 2 orders, Jan. 30 and 31. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 87–89.]

Feb. 2. **1.** Order that the Somerset House Committee sit this day fortnight, and bring in a particular account of what goods of the late King have been sold, and what creditors are satisfied, also of what are yet unsold, and what claims are still remaining unpaid. [½ *page.*]

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Feb. 2. **2.** Robt. Swanley to General Geo. Monk. I would comply with your recommendation to pay Robt. Collins and the rest of the mariners of his ship their wages if I were able, but I have waited 5 months at vast expense for satisfaction for the loss of my ship and goods, which the Admiralty judges valued at 63,000*l.*, and which passed the Committees for Irish and Scotch, and foreign affairs, and was returned to Council. I will readily pay the mariners when the State pays me. Their agent came aboard when I was setting sail from Naples to London with goods value 100,000*l.*, and forced me to put them ashore, and take service for the State. I told the mariners then that I could not be liable for their wages, and they said they required no other paymasters but the State. Collins, the Captain of the Warwick, entreated to be taken in when so much wounded that the surgeons had no hopes of his life.

Feb. 3. **3.** Petition of John Embree, surveyor, to the Protector and Council, for 1,500*l.* on account for disbursements in repairs of Whitehall and other houses of the State, 1,200*l.* having been due for 6 months, as it is advantageous to buy with ready money and make quick payment to workmen. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Reference thereon to Mr. Strickland, Col. Jones, Col. Sydenham, and Sir A. A. Cooper, and also to the Treasury Commissioners, to report how 1,000*l.* may best be paid. [*I.* 75, *p.* 91.]

[Feb. 3.] **4.** Report by the said Commissioners that the sum should be charged on the Ordinance for probate of wills. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 3. **5.** Petition of the societies of both the Temples to the Protector. We have in all times past, even in the late troubles, now put to an end by your Highness' great valour and prudence, been free, like other colleges and societies of learning, from any public tax or imposition, we consisting either of young gentlemen (students in the law), who live upon the exhibition of their parents, or of the elder sort, practisers or public officers in courts of justice, who are all rated for their estates in the country where they live, and have in the Inns of Court only chambers for resort of their clients in term time.

Some few of the Commissioners for the present assessment within the city of London have imposed 100*l.* a month on us, which, though an inconsiderable ease to the city, is a burden insupportable upon the societies, and will discourage the gentry in sending their sons hither, to their great prejudice in education, and to the destruction of the societies. Beg a command to the Commissioners to forbear such an innovation. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 3. Reference thereon by Council to Pickering, Wolsley, Cooper, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 92.] *Annexing,*

5. I. *Report of the Committee on the said petition that the societies should be discharged of the tax because these societies are not contributory to parliamentary charges, having no revenues, and their expenses defrayed by col-*

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lections among themselves. No other Inns of Court in Middlesex are taxed. The study of the law deserves equal encouragement with university studies. These societies have never been subordinate to city jurisdiction, nor ever claimed any voice in the election of burgesses, and never were pretended to be within the wards of London, and indeed part of the Middle Temple is not in London. [1⅔ *pages.*]

5. II. *Similar report, adding that advantage redounds to the city from these societies, all their provisions being bought there, and many members having chambers in the city and suburbs.* [1 *page.*]

5. III. *Proposed order by the Protector for their discharge from the said tax.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 3. **6.** Petition of Edmund Earl of Mulgrave to the Protector, for redress. Was damaged by the demolishing of Mulgrave Castle 3 years ago by order of the Council of State, to the extent of 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.* as proved by a certificate now in the hands of Walter Strickland and the clerks of the Council. Has often petitioned for relief, and was referred to the Irish and Scotch Committee, who reported 10 March last that he should have 1,200*l.* A report was ordered to Parliament, but it was dissolved before the report was made. Is therefore a great sufferer, unless his Highness, ever ready to acts of honour and justice, will relieve him. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 3. Reference thereon in Council to Strickland, Wolsley, and Sydenham, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 92.]

Feb. 3. **7.** Petition of Fras. Yonge, jun., Esq., woodward of Windsor Forest, to the Protector and Council. The trustees for sale of forest lands have lately empowered me to take care of the woods in the forest. There has been a late order of the Council thereon, and as I have been entrusted with that affair for divers years, to my great charge, by the late Earl of Pembroke, and then by Amb. Whitelock, I beg you to peruse the annexed order, and to give me such order as you think fit. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

7. I. *Commission by the trustees for sale of forest lands to Fras. Young, woodward of Windsor Forest, on his complaint of spoil of the woods, to take care for their preservation, convening the offenders before justices of the peace, and certifying the damage to the said trustees, to be reported to Council if needful.*—24 *Jan.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 3. Order on a reference from the Protector to Council, concerning an order of Jan 31, about dotards and underwood in Windsor Forest, suggesting the fitness of associating Francis Young with the Governor of Windsor Castle for performing the service mentioned, that it be so done, and the order amended accordingly. [*I.* 75, *p.* 92.]

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Feb. 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. An Ordinance for settling lands value 200*l.* a year on Nich. Lockyer, out of Deans and chapters' lands, read the 1st and 2nd time and to be presented to the Protector. Approved 4 Feb.

2. The petition of Dr. John Bastwick referred to Skippon and Rous, to consider and state the fact, and to send to Ald. Ireton for the report intended to the last Parliament, and for any other paper or persons requisite, and to report.

4. Order on Mr. Major's report on the petition of the traders in cotton wool and fustian, and of the weavers of fustian in Lancashire, that Maj.-Gen. Skippon speak with Mr. Winstanley about the matter, and present to Council next Tuesday, when the debate will be renewed, any objections which shall be made thereunto.

5. Wolsley, Cooper, and Strickland to confer with some of the judges of common law concerning fines, and report.

6. An Ordinance for confirming the manors, &c. of Framlingham and Saxted in Suffolk, demised by Sir Rob. Hitcham, late serjeant-at-law, to charitable uses, twice read, approved, and to be presented to the Protector. Approved 21 March.

7. Sir Chas. Wolsley's report from the Committee on an Ordinance for giving Charles Cavendish, Viscount Mansfield, the benefit of the Act of pardon and oblivion, twice read, approved, and to be offered to the Protector. Approved 6 Feb.

8. Col. Sydenham reports that a treaty has been had with Edw. Backwell and Joshua Woolnough, about relinquishing lands belonging to Hampton Court contracted for at Worcester House, viz., Bushy Park, the 3 meadows, the new park ground, and the other part of New Park, with the lodge, materials, deer, and timber, and the hare warren, for which there was paid in full of the purchase 6,638*l.* 7*s.*

That there has been paid by virtue of a former order to Mr. Brice and Inwood, for their interest in the hare warren, part of the said contract (besides 200*l.* allowed him above his purchase money), 1,170*l.*

That there is reserved by Richd. Caswell part of the New Park. conveyed to him by the trustees under Mr. Backwell's contract, which makes up the said purchase money, 357*l.* 10*s.* Total 1,527*l.* 10*s.* This reduces the original purchase money to 5,110*l.* 17*s.*

That on payment of this sum, and of 1,100*l.* over and above the purchase money, viz., 800*l.* to Backwell and 300*l.* to Woolnough, total 6,210*l.* 17*s.*,—being 4,792*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* to Backwell and 1,418*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* to Woolnough,—they are willing to relinquish their interest in the premises.

Order thereon, that the said offer be accepted, and that orders be prepared for the said trustees to receive a relinquishment of their interest, and to the Treasurers at Worcester House to pay the respective sums. Approved 13 Feb.

10. The reports and papers from the Committee for Public Debts referred to Sir A. A. Cooper and Col. Montague to report.

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Feb. 3. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

11. The petition of Clement Kinnersley to the Protector referred to Pickering, Strickland, and Jones, to report.

14. 11 orders, from 26 Jan. to 1 Feb., approved by the Protector, being read to him by Mr. Jessop, in presence of Major-Gen. Lambert.

17. An advice of Council to the Protector referred back to Council, to issue an order in their name for Major-Gen. Harrison to repair into Staffordshire, and there to reside till further order.

18. According to an order of Wednesday last, Mr. Thurloe presented an establishment of under clerks and officers for Council.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Phil. Meadowe, Latin secretary, yearly - -	200	0	0
The Serjeant-at-arms at 20*s.* a day - - -	365	0	0
Gualter Frost, Treasurer for Council's contingencies	400	0	0
Mr. Milton.			
Seven under clerks, viz.: Joseph Frost, John Frost, Matthias Lea, Thomas Lea, Isaac Ewers, Wm. Symon, Matthew Fairbank, — at 6*s.* 8*d.* a day each -	851	13	4
Eleven messengers, viz.: Joseph Butler, Thos. Pidcocke, John Preistlie, Richard Freeman, Henry Symball, George Hussey, Roger Read, Rowland Fawkard, John Hunter, Robert Cooke, Ed. Osbaldston, — at 5*s.* a day each, and 6*d.* per mile riding - -	1,003	15	0
Nine Serjeant's deputies, viz.: Edw. Tison, Thos. Baker, John Bradley, Wm. Field, Henry Byard, Nicholas Hill, Humphrey Holding, Anth. Compton, Joshua Leighbeater, — at 3*s.* 4*d.* each a day, and 8*d.* per mile riding- - -	486	13	4
Robert Stebbin, to make fires in the clerks' rooms at 2*s.* a day - - - - -	36	10	0

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Officers to attend the Council Chamber, &c.: £ s. d.

Richard Scutt - 7*s.*				
Thos. Bennet - 3*s.*				
Two more to help R. Scutt, each 2*s.*	4*s.*	16*s.* a day - -	292	0 0
Two women to assist in cleansing the chambers &c. -	2*s.*			

19. Mr. Jessop to examine the bills of the messengers, Serjeant's deputies, &c., for disbursements and travelling charges.

20. The said establishment presented by Mr. Thurloe approved by Council. Approved by the Protector 13 Feb., the addition of Edw. Osbaldston as messenger and Joshua Leighbeater as Serjeant's deputy being made by him. [*I.* 75, *p.* 108.]

21. Order that Gualter Frost's salary of 400*l.* be in full of all fees, and that he pay warrants in course as they come in, except in cases where Council gives other order.

22. To add to Thos. Bennett's salary of 3*s.* a day 1*s.* more.

23. All orders and warrants for particular business to be brought by the under clerks to the clerks of Council, who are to deliver them to the parties concerned.

24. If any under clerks misdemean themselves, the secretary and clerks of Council to remove them, and supply their places.

25. The Attorney General and Sir Thos. Widderington to attend Council next Monday.

26. Col. Sydenham and Mr. Strickland added to the Committee for the Post Offices.

27. Major-Gen. Lambert to discontinue his attendance at the Committee for Sir Wm. Killigrew's business, and Col. Jones added to that Committee.

29. Major-Gen. Thos, Harrison to repair into Staffordshire, and there reside, without removing till further order, and to begin to remove from London on Monday week at latest.

30. The supernumeraries lately raised and added to the regiments, viz.:—

To the Protector's own regiment, raised from 700 to 1,200.
To Cols. Ingolsby's and Pride's, Sir Wm. Constable's, and Col. Goffe's, raised - from 700 to 1,000.

to be continued for one month from Jan. 23, and the Army Committee to issue warrants to the war treasurers for payment. Approved 4 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 89–95.]

Feb. 3. London. **8.** Certificate by Rich. Wescomb and 21 other merchants of London, that the English barks arrested at St. Malo, on tidings of the taking of the St. John of Grace and the 3 Kings, have been released; that several English vessels traffic to St. Malo's freely, and that the English merchants there traffic quietly with the natives

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and others, without interruption or gainsaying. [1 *page.* 22 *signatures.*]

Feb. 4. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of 3 Feb. [*I.* 75, *p.* 95.]

Feb. 4. The Swiftsure, Spithead. **9.** Gens. Blake and Penn to the Admiralty Committee. We have conferred with several commanders and pilots in the fleet, and find it will be dangerous with a westerly wind, which is common there, for any of the fleet to lie before Brest harbour, and with that wind they could not follow any of the ships bound in. We have, therefore, arranged that the 6 ships appointed shall lie between Ushant and the Seams, as close to the harbour as they can. If you have any orders for us, send them by land. We will give order at the next council of war to send the muster books to the Commissioners for sick and wounded.

We are sorry the treaty with the Dutch has been delayed, as delay portends no great hopes of agreement, and quickens our desires to have the fleet ready for service. We will send 6 frigates eastward to look after the 4 Holland men-of-war you mention. The master attendant at Portsmouth should have a convenient residence found for him in the dockyard there. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 5. **10.** Order in the Committee [for Adventurers in Ireland] concerning the 1,300*l.* in Alderman Andrews' hands,—from which the Committee for Claims desire satisfaction for their pains in managing the lots, and clearing the claims of the adventurers,—that the Committee join in the request that the 1,300*l.* be divided among them, with as much Irish land set out as shall make up the share of each to 500*l.*

That Ald. Avery and Mr. Hawkins prepare a draft report for the Commissioners of Inspection, in behalf of the Commissioners for Claims. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

Feb. 6. **11.** Petition of Lorens Micaell to the Protector. I was born at Cadiz, but served in the State's navy, and was corporal and linguist of the Harry Bonadventure, which with her prize, the St. Peter, was betrayed into the hands of the Dutch by the Governor of Trapani and Messina, when in Trapani road. I left my country and came 3,000 miles, at great charge and peril, to give evidence in the premises, and have lain 5 months hoping for wages and reward, but can get neither. I beg payment that I may fit myself to go as corporal in the Tarrington. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, and their report 9 Feb. that 15*l.* should be allowed him for arrears and charges. [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 6. **12.** Petition of Judith, widow of Thomas Todd, to the Protector, for the grant of a comfortable subsistence for herself and child, or reference of her case to the Admiralty Committee. Her husband served in several ships from 1642, and for two years past as master, but in the last expedition, he volunteered to serve under Rear-

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Admiral Bourne in the Andrew, and was killed in the engagement near the Kentish Knock, having two months before had a command conferred upon him by the General, as the merit of his faithfulness and active service previously, but the ship was not then fitted for sea. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Committee, to order an allowance to the petitioner as to others in like cases. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

12. I. *Certificate by Admiral Wm. Penn and* 6 *others to the truth of the above, and that Thos. Todd was a very godly man, faithfully served in several engagements, and they commend his widow and her child for consideration.*—3 *Apr.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

12. II. *Rear-Admiral N. Bourne to* [*the Admiralty Commissioners*]. *I knew Thos. Todd for many years as a most faithful and active man, and he served as a master for two years. Being very zealously affected to the present cause, he preferred to go as a volunteer under my command in the Andrew, rather than embrace better offers to his outward advantage, and behaved with much zeal and courage in the engagement with the Holland fleet near the Kentish Knock, where he had his arm shot off close to his body, and died some days after. I cannot speak more in his honour than he justly deserved, and commend his widow and child to your favour, whose loss cannot be made up, but her life may be made more comfortable by your compassion. With certificate by Wm. Greenhill and* 3 *others as to the truth of the above.* [¾ *page.*]

[Feb. 6.] **13.** Draft of the above petition drawn up as to the Council of State, but altered to the Protector. [⅔ *page.*]

[Feb. 6.] **14.** Petition of the society of merchants of the Intercourse, born in the 17 provinces of the Netherlands, being 27 persons, to the Protector. By treaties between this nation and Burgundy, we have been exempted from personal taxes, or if assessed, relieved immediately by privy seal, or in later times, by orders of Parliament and the late Lord-Gen. Fairfax. The English merchants in Rotterdam and Antwerp enjoy many larger privileges on the same account.

During the late Parliament, the Assessment Committee, strangely over-rating us, ordered their collectors to distrain on our nonpayment. We applied to the Committee for Petitions, who referred us to the Committee for Trade, and they to a Sub-Committee, but no progress being made through their resignation, the collectors came to our homes, broke open our locks, and took what goods they pleased.

We then applied to the Spanish Ambassador and to the Holland Commissioners, and (as the English abroad do in like cases) protested against the Assessment Committee for our damages, and obtained a month's time to know your Highness' pleasure, which expired 29 Jan., and the Committee refuse further respite. We beg restitution of what has been distrained, and suspension of further distress, to

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avoid the inconveniences which will inevitably fall on the English abroad, by violation of the ancient privileges. With reference to Council, 27 Jan. 1654, to see that both parties enjoy their rights. Endorsed with note that it was left by Mr. Strickland to be given to Mr. Scobell, and that the merchants' claim, with the Commissioners' answer, were delivered to Capt. Stone 7 Dec. 1654, on an order of the Committee of Parliament for that business. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 6. Reference thereon by Council to Skippon, Rous, Strickland, and Montague, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 96.]

Feb. 6. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Cooper, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Rous to confer with counsel, and to prepare and bring in an Ordinance to explain the Ordinance touching treasons.

3. Cooper, Sydenham, and Rous to report their opinions touching an order of the late Council of 8 December 1652, for payment of 991 livres 18 sous and 8 deniers to Peter Carey and Daniel Beauvoir, out of the revenue of Guernsey, the renewal of which is prayed.

4. The Ordinance touching sequestration referred to the same Committee that brought it in, to meet speedily and report.

5. Order on a report by Col. Montague on the 1,500*l.* demanded by Amb. Whitelock [*see p.* 381, *suprà*] that it be paid from Council's contingencies. Approved 13 February.

6. Strickland, Wolsley, and Sydenham to report on the petition of Col. Simon Rugely, and on a report from Lieut.-Cols. White and Worsley, made on a reference thereof from the Protector.

7. An Ordinance to be brought in, empowering the Generals at sea to try all English and Irishmen taken by any private man-of-war.

8. Report of the President that the Protector approves two Ordinances mentioned of February 3, which were passed as laws. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 96, 97.]

Feb. 6. Leghorn. **15.** Chas. Longland to the Admiralty Commissioners. Beside the four English prizes formerly brought in here by the Dutch, two others have since come with Newfoundland fish, and one with pilchards. They are lords of these seas, and especially of this port, where they domineer to the full; they keep three of their ships five leagues off tacking about, the other five being in port. There were 10 sail, but now only 8, as 2 foundered in the Gulf of Lyons.

I need not advise you how much it would advance the honour of our nation to have a revenge on the enemy in this place, where we have been such great sufferers, and am assured you will do all in due time. It is reported by the Dutch here that they expect a Fiscal or Judge Admiral from Holland, and a Committee, the better to manage the prizes they have already got, and what they shall get hereafter, and they also intend to make a bank here of their prize money.

No ships have arrived from Holland or places adjacent for the last 6 months, so they keep all their strength at home, and in 20 days it is supposed they will go for the Straits' mouth, to wait our Zante ships, who cannot well escape; 4 Dutch ships very richly laden are

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expected from Turkey and at least a dozen French ships. The French at Toulon do not arm, as was formerly reported, and have but one man-of-war abroad; he takes all he can catch of what nation soever. With copy of his letter of 9 Jan. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 6. Yarmouth. **16.** Robt Shawe and Rich. Duckinfield to the Admiralty Commissioners. We were appointed in October 1653 to attend on the sick and wounded here; there are now only 11 under cure, though 24 arrived since our appointment, some of whom were wounded, but the rest are well and discharged; the remainder might be removed to some hospital in London, upon receipt of the order, and bedding being provided for them in their passage by sea. One man wishes to remain here because the maintenance allowed helps his family. We were allowed 6*s.* a day each before the other surgeons departed, and as the care and trouble has since been great, we beg consideration. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 7. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. On the Protector's approval being signified to Council, Col. Mackworth admitted to his place in Council, after taking the usual oath.

2. An Ordinance for allowing 3,036*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to Martin Lister, Hugh May, and Charles Valois passed for law, on report of the approval of the Protector.

3. Sir Chas. Wolsley's report of an Ordinance for the better ordering of estates under sequestration, as amended by the Committee, agreed, and to be presented to the Protector.

5. Col. Mackworth added to the Committee for stating the case of Mr. Greene's bequest, on Hen. Robinson's representation.

6. Order on representation from the trustees and contractors for sale of the King's lands, of the defacing of several parts of Greenwich House by persons there inhabiting, that Uriah Babington be authorised to prevent its defacing by plucking down and burning the materials, and to return to Council the names of the offenders that they may be dealt with according to law. Approved 13 Feb.

7. John Throckmorton, John Browne, and Thos. Darling added to the Assessment Commissioners in Westminster, and empowered to execute the powers given to the Commissioners named in the Act for the present 6 months' assessment. Approved 13 Feb.

8. Ant. Luther, Henry Woolaston, and John Throgmorton added to the Commissioners for Essex. Approved 13 Feb.

10. Order on report from the Commissioners for Inspections, touching the best way of paying in the 4,299*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*, charged by Mr. Ledgard on the Army Committee, that Ledgard give an account of the remains in his hands, and that warrants be issued for payment of the 4,299*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* as follows:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
To the Receiver General for arrears of rent due by Sir John Trevor, and Lanc. Lake, and for 12*d.* a chaldron on coals - -	2,357	18	9

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	£	s.	d.
To the Committee for Compounding $\frac{1}{5}$ of profits due for the recusancy and delinquency of Thos. Ashfield - -	532	2	9
To the coal farm lessees, in full of the moneys paid, on which the bills of exchange were drawn - - - - -	1,409	4	9

Approved 13 Feb. *Annexing,*

17. I. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners on which the said order is grounded.*—3 *Feb.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

17. II. *Notes relating thereto.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

11. The Ordinance for erecting Courts baron in Scotland, as amended in Committee, agreed on, and to be presented to the Protector. Approved 13 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 98–100.]

Feb. 7. **18.** Answers by Thos. Horth to the objections of the Muscovy Company prefixed [*see Jan.* 31, *p.* 378 *suprà*] against his having $\frac{1}{6}$ of the fishing:—

1. That he has as good right to Bell Sound, &c. as any, having fished there 25 years, and being the first man who ever pitched tents at Bottle Cove, and the Rock, in Bell Sound, in 1626, and has set out $\frac{1}{6}$ of the tonnage ever since, except that in 1653, his voyage was overthrown by his men being pressed into the service. He has often joined the company on those terms, and helped to keep out the Dutch and French, and thinks it cannot be denied him to continue this, or to fish as best he may.

2. He can prove that it can not keep the business unsettled in the least.

3. That there can be more difficulty in the accounts than before, and he can prove that he is not insolvent, nor has purchased lands in his children's names, as several of the company have lately done, thus deceiving their just creditors; yet he has lost 30,000*l.*, 12,900*l.* being within 18 months, and has lent 500*l.* and 300*l.* to Parliament.

4. That all the harbours should be fished in consort, and those that have the benefit of the best contribute to the charge of fishing in the worse. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 7. **19.** Proposals made to the Protector by Edw. Whitwell and the Adventurers for Greenland in several stocks, concerning the late improvement by fishing in all the harbours. The fishing in common stock with the Muscovy Company, and then at the end of the voyage dividing the fins and oil equally amongst all the ships, gives no more encouragement to the industrious than to the sluggard. It prevents the breeding of English fishermen, because they cannot fish on their own account, and the company employ Biskiners as harpooners. It discourages improvements in tackle and furniture, when

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all fare alike. It increases expense by requiring common stewards. The company can, if they choose, by negligence or otherwise, make several losing voyages, and having a stock themselves, ruin the adventurers, and then the next year set what price they please on oil and fins.

Proposals (1) that all the Greenland harbours be open to all; (2) that a fit number of shallops be assigned to each harbour to fish it sufficiently; (3) that the first comers into any harbour choose their places, and when the appointed number has come, none others thrust into the harbour.

Men will not set out too soon to gain places, because they cannot get in till the seas are navigable. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 7. **20.** Marchamount Needham to the Protector. Wishing to know how the pulse beats at Allhallows, I went there last night. It was a dull assembly without Feake and Simpson, for they were the men that carried it on with heat. Highland, John Spencer, and Mr. Jessey, who now conduct it, are no Boanerges, as you know. But the congregation is crowded, the humours boiling, and as much scum comes off as ever, but more warily. Highland preached on the 8 beatitudes, but chiefly enlarged on the 2 last, relating to persecution, to which they now fit all their discourses. He magnified the happiness of the 2 sufferers now in prison, prayed for them, and prophesied their deliverance, and the confusion of all enemies, quoted the Apocalypse, and told the people the time was at hand when they should feed on the flesh of kings and great men.

John Spencer then spoke from Isaiah, c. 43, v. 1–4, to the like effect, but very cautiously. He also prayed for that servant of God now to be confined, which raised a murmur of inquiry. Jessey spoke softly, and I could not hear him.

There is reason for the total dissolution of that meeting, as you have proceeded against the leaders, and a digest of the papers I have given in, with comments upon them, should be printed at the same time.

This meeting much diminishes your reputation among foreigners, who expect changes, because they are proclaimed from the pulpit, and great things are made of it, though it is but a confluence of silly wretches.

There is a twofold design about the prophetess Hannah [Trapnel], who played her part lately at Whitehall at the ordinary; one to print her discourses and hymns, which are desperate against your person, family, children, friends, and the government; the other to send her all over England, to proclaim them *vivâ voce.* She is much visited, and does a world of mischief in London, and would do in the country. The vulgar dote on vain prophecies. I saw hers in the hands of a man who was in the room when she uttered them day by day in her trance, as they call it. He promised to lend me them; if he does, I will show you them. They would make 14 or 15 sheets in print. [3¼ *pages. See* 6 *April infrà.*]

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Feb. 8. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Earl of Crawford and Lindsey to have 6*l.* a week allowed him for his present subsistence, to be paid out of Council's contingencies. [*I.* 75, *p.* 100.]

Feb. 8. The Pearl, South Foreland. **21.** Capt. Ben. Sacheverell to Gens. Monk and Desborow. On the 28th I received the Swedish agent on board in the Hope, and landed him on the 31st at Dunkirk, when he sent you many thanks for high favours. The Martin and Merlin were there as convoy to some merchant ships from England, and the winds detained us 6 days. I hear there are several Dutch merchantmen at Newhaven, bound homewards. I hope to meet them and convoy them to a nearer port, as I have with me the rest of the frigates appointed for the station between Dover and Calais. The Merlin took a Dutchman called the Temperance, which has been sent into Dover, though she pretends to be of Courland. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. $\frac{8}{18}$. Amsterdam. **22.** Sir Edward Walker to Sir Edward Nicholas. I have been so straitened since my return that I could not send you the copy of what I have drawn to write to Mr. Chancellor time enough to have your approbation, but I hope I have so digested it, for His Majesty's service and the honour of the order, that it will not be subject to misconstruction.

After I had briefly given an account of my being there, and my having seen the Earl of Rochester's letter to the Queen of Bohemia, I have written as follows: Hereupon, although I should most readily have obeyed His Majesty's commands in the way prescribed me, yet seeing his Lordship waives the journey, and that I am confident His Majesty's intentions for me are still the same, I shall presume (according to my oath as being of counsel with the order) to offer some particulars to His Majesty and the companions there, (if His Majesty please to call them to it), whereupon I desire fuller directions.

As first, this being but an election, and no full investiture, the usual ceremonies (which to a foreign prince receiving the order are the same as are observed at Windsor at an installation) cannot be used. May not that form devised by me in delivering the garter to the Duke of Gloucester be used with some variations, as being more ceremonious than the single delivery of any election ever was?

Next seeing His Majesty is pleased, by his letter to the Elector [of Brandenburg], to express that he hath sent me to deliver the garter, &c., whether (seeing my Lord of Rochester goes not) I may not be held capable (according to the statutes of the order, by which Garter is to carry all elections to the knights elect, and to make report of their answers) to go myself and deliver it? If so, a new letter to the Elector must be drawn and sent, wherein some alterations and additions should be made. As first, after the words *J'ai trouvé à propos* to insert *Comme souverain du très-renommé, très ancien, et tres noble ordre de la Gartière, de vous élire l'un des chevaliers, pairs, et compagnons du dit ordre.* Then whereas it follows: *La quelle par plusieurs siècles a eu l'honneur l'avoir*

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The reason why I propose this is because, although His Majesty styles the knights companions, yet it is improper for him to style himself and his predecessors so, being sovereigns of the order. Besides I have named emperors therein, seven of them having been companions of the order.

May it not induce the Elector to place a higher value on His Majesty's favour if this letter be fairly written in parchment, and have the Great Seal by a silk label affixed? as letters of this kind ought to pass the seal of the order, and anciently passed under the Great Seal.

May it not be proper to express therein that, when it shall please God to restore His Majesty to the possession of his Crown, the Elector shall be as fully invested as any prince that has been companion thereof? But this clause may be well considered, lest the Elector, not knowing the accidents of the order, may not then set so great a value on His Majesty's present electing him. The mention of my Lord of Rochester, he being absent, may be omitted, and if His Majesty please in this letter to entitle me his servant, as well as King-of-Arms, it will add to my reputation.

Next, seeing this letter ought to be read at the time of delivering the garter, I should have another letter of credence to deliver when I first repair to the Elector's court, implying that I am sent to deliver him the order, and with it a letter declaring his election, all which are to be presented when the Elector shall appoint a time to receive them, for I shall propose that the Elector appoint some persons to adjust all circumstances with me, that I may do my best for the honour of the order and the Elector.

Thirdly, I must have another warrant to perform my office in delivering the order, without mention of my Lord of Rochester. This done, I desire to know whether I shall wear His Majesty's coat-of-arms (which I have lately got over). And lastly, whether in delivering the garter, I shall address myself in English or French to the Elector. Would not His Majesty's letter be more properly written in Latin than French?

I desire as speedy and positive directions as may be. Please either to send me them hither, or to intimate that I shall receive them at the Hague, and I shall return thither, and do my best to put myself in equipage for so long a journey.

This much *verbatim* I have written to Mr. Chancellor; if it find your approbation, recommend it to him. In the interim, if the garter be come, you will increase my obligation to put Sir Chas. Cotterell in mind of my business, he having promised not to let it sleep.

For news I can only tell you that Mr. Holland, an officer of my lady, is by the last post come hither out of England, who assures

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me the English will have no peace with us here, nor is there any great likelihood of a strict league with Sweden, and that the Scots at Drummond Castle have cut off above 600 English. For my part I give credit to his relations, being a crafty person, but please not to name him as the author. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 9. **23.** Petition of Dame Christian Temple, widow, Sir Rich. Temple, Bart., and 20 creditors of the late Sir Peter Temple, Bart., to the Protector. Sir Peter (being in debt 20,000*l.*, and having but a life estate, the remainder being to Sir Richard, by virtue of settlements made by his grandfather and great-grandfather, and so only liable to Sir Peter's debts during his life), on 15 August last, drew up an agreement, by consent of Dame Christian and Sir Richard, conveying all his lands to the creditors for 10½ years, for payment of debts and of 600*l.* a year to Dame Christian, who agreed during that term to debar herself of all further benefit of her jointure. The agreement was not to take effect till signed and sealed by creditors whose debts amounted to 10,000*l.*, but before this was done, Sir Peter died. A great part of his estate passed thereon to Lady Baltinglas, being the inheritance of her mother, on which account Sir Richard sealed an indenture to the creditors enlarging the term ½ a year, but being only 20 years old, he cannot perfect the assurance, and if he should die before it is perfected, many widows and orphans will be lost.

Beg an order to the justices of Common Bench to admit Sir Richard to levy fines and suffer a recovery by his guardians, and to convey the lands to Thos. Viner, now Mayor of London, Sir Edm. Pye, Bart., and 5 other principal creditors, although he has not attained his majority. 22 signatures. With reference thereon to Council, 1 Feb. 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 9. Reference thereon by Council to Mackworth, Wolsley, Cooper, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 102.]

Feb. 9. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on Major-Gen. Skippon's report—that, in accordance with the order of Feb. 3, he had spoken with Mr. Winstanley about the fustian traders and weavers in Lancashire,—that the former Committee hear both parties, send for any persons they require, and report, and that Sir A. A. Cooper be added to the Committee.

2. An Act of the Commissioners for Ireland for publishing there the proclamation of 16 Dec. 1652 proclaiming his Highness Protector approved, and thanks to be returned to the Commissioners for their care. Approved 13 Feb.

3. Order on Col. Jones' signifying the Protector's desires for confirmation of the order of the late Council of 21 May last, indemnifying some Cheshire gentlemen therein concerned, that Sydenham, Jones, and Strickland state and report the fact to Council, and send for the requisite papers.

6. Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham to treat with the person that bought the honour of Hampton Court, and with Rich. Caswell, to

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whom part of the lands are conveyed, to relinquish their interest to the use of the State on reasonable conditions.

7. Jones, Sydenham, Cooper, and Strickland to consider what houses and lands of the late King, Queen, or Prince which were exempted from sale by a former Act of Parliament are, by a subsequent Act, sold or contracted for, and what part thereof remains unsold; and of the part sold, what will be fit to be treated for on reasonable terms, to be reconveyed to the State; and to report the whole matter.

8. Order on an award in a cause lately depending in the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster between Beatrice and Alice Rigby, by Hen. Noel, their guardian, plaintiffs, and Joseph Rigby and others, defendants, touching the profits of the office of clerk of the peace for co. Lancaster,—which could not be confirmed because of the expiration of the Act continuing the jurisdiction of that Court, and meantime the profits are received by the defendants,—that the guardian and Jos. Rigby present the names of fit persons to receive the profits of the office, till the difference be determined.

12. Order to exempt the Spanish Ambassador from payment of any excise or custom on the consumption of flesh, wine, beer, or other necessaries, as well for what is imported or bought already as for the future; for which the Ambassador's steward shall give a note under his hand.

13. Order—that as Edw. Backwell has contracted with the trustees of exempted Crown lands for Bushy old park, and part of the new park, deer, &c., at Hampton Court, and transferred his interest to Joshua Woolnough, who has paid ½ the purchase money, viz., 1,118*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, but is willing to relinquish his interest on a profit of 300*l.*,—the said trustees accept his release of contract, and pay him 1,148*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* Approved 13 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 101–103.]

Feb. 10. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. An Ordinance for better disposing the estates under sequestration having received the Protector's consent, he making an amendment therein by omitting the name of John Reding, thus reducing the Commissioners to 6, passed for law, and is ordered to be printed and published.

2. An Ordinance for charging the judges' salaries on the Customs committed to Pickering, Cooper, Wolsley, Lambert, and Strickland; the special care given to Cooper.

3. An Ordinance for relief of persons that have acted in the service of Parliament re-committed to the Committee that brought it in, and Col. Mackworth added to the Committee.

5. The ordinary day for Council's sitting in the afternoon to be Thursday, and the former order for Friday to be discharged.

6. The supernumeraries lately raised and added to the foot in the Tower, viz., each of Col. Barkstead's companies increased from 80 to 100, and 2 new companies of 100 each added, to be continued till

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further order, and the Army Committee to issue warrants to the War Treasurers for payment accordingly. Approved 13 Feb. *Annexing,*

24. I. *Request by Colonel John Barkstead to Lord —— to move the Council for continuing the said companies, and the* 40 *foot soldiers added to the* 2 *old companies.* [½ *page.*]

7. Lord Chief Justice Rolle of the Upper Bench to be one of the judges of assize for the western circuit, and Justice Atkins of the Common Pleas to be a judge of assize for the next Oxford circuit, although they be the countries of their respective birth, and their commissions to be issued accordingly. Approved 13 Feb.

8. Lambert, Desborow, and Cols. Montague, Sydenham, and Mackworth to be a Committee to consider of the fittest and quickest way for raising and bringing in money, that more seasonable provision may be made for answering public occasions; and from time to time to give in their opinions to Council, that further orders may be taken.

Also to consider the most exact method to manage the public Treasury, and to report.

To this end they may send for and examine whom they please, and they are to be very careful of this important matter. Col. Montague to take special care thereof. Approved 27 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 104, 105.]

[Feb. 13.] **25.** Petition of Col. Simon Rugeley to the Protector. Before the wars, I had an estate of 800*l.* a year, but was led by conscience to be amongst the first on the Parliament side, advanced large sums, and raised men and arms, at a cost of 1,875*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* My estate being in the enemy's quarters, they sequestered my rents and plundered my mansion house, to the loss of 3,500*l.* I was 2 years high sheriff, which was a chargeable and dangerous service, and contracted such debt that I have had to sell land worth 500*l.* a year, and yet my discontented family is within the jaws of ruin. There is due to me 4,454*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* for service, besides the raising men and serving when the Scots came in.

I have had to mortgage my debentures and public faith bills, which will be lost unless soon redeemed, though the State owes me 11,280*l.* 12*s.* I have twice petitioned Parliament, but you being now raised up in their stead, my dead hopes are revived. I beg the benefit of the late Act for such Crown lands as I discover, for satisfaction of my disbursements, losses, and arrears. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

25. I. *Statements of the accounts of Col. Rugeley before the monthly Assessment Commissioners for co. Stafford, as colonel and captain of horse, from* 1642 *to* 1645, *and also as president of a council of war, from* 17 *May* 1644 *to* 30 *March* 1645, *showing a balance due to him of* 4,454*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*; *certifying also that he took no free quarter, and always served in person.*—28 *Nov.* 1651. [1 *sheet.*]

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25. II. *Valuation attested of horses given by Rugeley to the service from* 3 *Oct.* 1642 *to* 19 *Aug.* 1645 *; total,* 511*l.* [2 *pages.*]

25. III. *Another account of horses supplied in* 1643*; total,* 113*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [1 *page.*]

25. IV. *Order by the said Committee for co. Stafford, allowing him* 887*l.* 16*s. public faith bills for his disbursements.*—1 *Sept.* 1643. [⅔ *page.*]

25. V. *Like order for* 149*l.* 14*s., disbursed by him in the service.*—5 *Sept.* 1645. [¾ *page.*]

25. VI. *Deposition by Col. Lewis Chadwick to Rugeley's buying goods and horses and spending money for his troop, and never taking free quarter.*—1 *Feb.* 1648. [1 *page.*]

25. VII. *Like deposition by Capt. Edw. Fiennes.*—12 *June* 1648. [1 *page.*]

25. VIII. *Deposition by John Rugeley of Southwark, that Col. Rugeley,* 9 *July last, sold to Smith Watson* 6 *public faith bills, value* 1,662*l.* 3*s.* 9*d., and a debenture for arrears of pay for* 4,454*l.* 17*s.* 11*d., redeemable on payment of* 430*l.* 9*s.*—17 *Nov.* 1653. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 13. **26, 27.** Order on Sir Charles Wolsley's report from the Committee to whom his petition was referred,—that they find the sum mentioned to be rightly stated, and warranted by certificates produced ;—that 3,346*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* due to him on public faith for principal and interest, and 4,454*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* for his personal service, be satisfied out of such discoveries of concealments (not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion) as he shall make, and the Committee named in the Act for Accounts and clearing public debts are to make allowance to him accordingly. Approved 13 Feb. [2 *copies. Also I.* 75, *p.* 106.]

[Feb. 13.] **28.** Petition of the inhabitants of the parishes of George's and Saviour's, borough of Southwark, and of Newington, all co. Surrey, to the Protector and Council, for perusal of their certificates on behalf of Sir J. Lenthall. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

28. I., II., III. *Certificates of the churchwardens and inhabitants of the parishes of George's and Saviour's, Southwark, and of Newington, to the good and peaceable conduct of Sir John Lenthall, his prudence in settling disputes, his charity, and his good conduct as Marshal of the Upper Bench, and request that he may be restored to his employment and residence. With* 24, 44, *and* 49 *signatures.* [3 *sheets.*]

Feb. 13. **29.** Report by Chief Justice Rolle and Justice Rich. Aske, that they will proceed as directed against Lenthall [*see* 27 *Jan. suprà*]. That as to the custody of the prison, Lenthall claims a patent for life, which Serjeant Dendy admits, but he claims by a grant of the late Parliament, which ended with it. Both parties confess that since Dendy had the custody, many prisoners have absented themselves, to the prejudice of their creditors and dishonour of the law;

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that therefore they have restored Lenthall to the custody of the prison, with strict charge to get the prisoners back by means of the securities which he took from them. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 13. Order on the above report, as also on a paper entitled "A true and faithful representation of the present state of the Upper Bench prison, and of the pretended right of Sir John Lenthall to the custody thereof," that Sir Chas. Wolsley, Sir Gilb. Pickering, and Col. Sydenham be a Committee to consider of indemnity to Serjeant Dendy, and payment to him and his officers for attendance in the Upper Bench, and report.

Also that the rule made by the Court of Upper Bench last Saturday, touching the prison and marshal, be in all points observed. [*I.* 75, *p.* 107.]

Feb. 13. **30.** Petition of Hen. White, yeoman, of Surrey, to the Protector. The late Parliament elected 2 persons as sheriffs for the county, who got discharged, and then elected me; and before I could apply, they were dissolved. There are laws against my acting because I have not 7*l.* a year of freehold land in the county, only copyhold tenements held of Lord Lambert of Wimbledon manor, which are not liable for my debts, and I am 60 years old, sick, and not able to stir forth of my chamber. I send a list of gentlemen fit for the office, who have near 100*l.* a year land, and have never served, being kept off by favour. I beg that an office of great power and trust may not be imposed on one incapable both in person and estate. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Annexing,

30. I. *Deposition by Hen. White that he is not worth lands value 7l. a year in the county.*—9 *Jan.* 1654. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

30. II. *List of 25 knights and gentlemen in Surrey fit for the office.* [1 *column.*]

Feb. 13. Order thereon that he forthwith sue out his patent as sheriff, and execute the office, and that Mr. Attorney proceed against him. [*I.* 75, *p.* 107.]

Feb. 13. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Viscountess Ranelagh referred to Lisle, Wolsley, and Strickland.

2. The Committee appointed to consider the Protector's treasuries to examine the bills for furnishing the kitchen, and report.

4. The petition of Margaret, relict and executrix of Sir Edw. Hungerford, and Sir Neville Poole, and the case to be recommended to the next Parliament.

8. The petition of Richard Bringest, prisoner of the Upper Bench, and the paper annexed, referred to the Committee to whom the bill for Scotland is committed, to report.

9. Order on information given in by Col. Sydenham that Adam Reeves, being a godly minister, who was, by the Committee of co. Somerset, on petition of the inhabitants of Weeke Champflower, settled to be minister there and at Pitcombe, has received many interruptions in his ministry from ill-affected persons, that John

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Carey of Castle Carey, justice of peace for the county, examine the matter and report; and meantime take care that Reeves be quieted in discharge of his duty, till the inhabitants show just cause for his removal.

10. Order on petition of Charles Summer, minister, and of the well affected inhabitants of Stanton, co. Worcester, that Lieut.-Col. Grimes, Major Creed, Wm. Sheapeard, and George Raymond, justices of peace for co. Worcester, examine the interruption offered to Summer, and report: meantime they are to quiet him in discharge of his duty.

11–13. Approval by the Protector of 13 orders and ordinances between 3 and 13 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 106–109.]

Feb. 14. **31.** Petition of Edward, Earl of Worcester, to the Protector. A late invention has been found for raising water by the strength of one man, for which people have hitherto had to use horses at vast expense, and a trial is shortly to be made at York House, Strand, with a 7-inch bore pipe, for setting up and managing of which his presence is necessarily required. Begs permission to come with his keeper to York House, to direct the work, returning in safe custody. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 14. Order thereon that he be allowed to come to York House with his keeper, to give directions for the trial of his invention. [*I.* 75, *p.* 110.]

Feb. 14. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Rous, Skippon, Lisle, Sydenham, and Mackworth, to be a Committee to consider the petition of Col. Anthony Buller, late Governor of Scilly Island, co. Cornwall, and a report of Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, and Col. Okey, and to think of a fit way for payment of the petitioner, and report.

2. Order on Sir A. A. Cooper's presenting a report of the Irish and Scotch Committee on the petition of Peter Carey and Daniel Beauvoir, inhabitants of Guernsey,—touching 991 livres 10 sous, and 6 deniers, payable out of the revenue of Guernsey, on the Act of Sept. 5, 1649, appointing Commissioners for ordering the affairs of Guernsey, whereby the whole charge of the execution was to be paid out of the revenue there,— that White, the present receiver of the revenue there, pay the above sum to the two petitioners. Approved Feb. 16.

3. An Ordinance to be brought in to extend the proviso in a former Act for assessments, in case of obstruction in raising assessments by a pound rate, to the last 3 months, as well as to the first 3 months' assessment.

4. Pickering, Lambert, Cooper, Mackworth, and Wolsley to be a Committee to consider the best way of rating taxes.

5. Order on Mr. Rous's report from the Committee to whom the petition of Dr. Bastwick was referred, that 200*l.* be paid him for present subsistence out of Council's contingencies. Approved Feb. 16.

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6. Dr. Bastwick's case to be recommended to the next Parliament.

7. The business touching the Excise referred to the Committee for the Protector's revenue. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 109, 110.]

[Feb. 15.] **32.** Petition of Wm. Hickman to the Protector. Is made sheriff of co. Notts in which he holds a small estate, but has no house there, and resides at Gainsborough, co. Lincoln, within 10 yards' distance of the confines of co. Notts. Beg license to continue to reside there, as his wife cannot remove without hazard of life. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 15. Order thereon in Council that he be allowed to reside at Gainsborough, taking care of the due execution of his office. [*I.* 75, *p.* 112.]

[Feb. 15.] **33.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Brandley to the Protector, for a consideration and employment, having lost his right hand in the service, of which loss his Highness has expressed his tender sense. With recommendation thereof 9 Feb., to the Admiralty Committee, on account of his great services. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

34. *Report thereon by the said Committee that as he is not meet for navy employment, he should have* 150*l.* *out of prize goods.* 11 *Feb.* 1654. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 15. Order thereon allowing him the 150*l.* Approved Feb. 16. [*I.* 75, *p.* 113.]

Feb. 15. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on Col. Jones' report from the Committee for Inspection of Treasuries—that out of moneys arising from the Ordinance for probate of wills 1,000*l.* should be paid to Mr. Embree, the surveyor, towards the charge of repairing Whitehall, and for other State services under his care,—that a warrant be drawn accordingly. Approved 16 Feb.

2. Strickland and Jones appointed to bespeak of Sir Thos. Vyner, Lord Mayor of London, 2 services of plate for the use of the Protector and his Lady.

3. An Ordinance touching the assessing, levying, and collecting 3 months' assessment, appointed by an Act of the late Parliament, at the rate of 1,200*l.* by month for 6 months, from Dec. 25, 1653 to June 24 next, towards the maintenance of the armies and navies of the State, read twice, and to be presented to the Protector. Approved 16 Feb.

4. Lord Lisle and Mr. Major added to the Committee for considering the best way of rating taxes. Sir A. A. Cooper to take special care thereof, and the Committee to meet at 2 to-morrow.

5. The following persons, added to the Committees for Assessment in the several counties, and to execute all powers given the Commissioners in the Act for Assessment; viz.,

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Co. Salop.—Ed. Owen, of Marrington, John Williams, of Winnington, Mr. Brame, of Whixall, Mr. Adams, of Broseley, Samuel Moore, Roger Rowley.

Co. Middlesex.—Justinian Paget.

8. Hugh Audley, Esq., sheriff of Wilts, to have liberty, in respect of his age and indisposition, to live out of the said county during his shreivalty, taking care of the due execution of his office.

9. An Ordinance of explanation touching treasons read twice, and to be presented to the Protector. Approved, 16 Feb.

10. Sir A. A. Cooper reports from the Committee to whom the reports of the Committee for Public Debts were referred a list of the servants by that Committee thought necessary to be employed, and their salaries, viz.:—

	Per annum. £	s.	d.
To Capt. Joseph Larke, clerk to the said Committee.	80	0	0
Christopher Fist, his assistant - -	40	0	0
Edward Friend, usher - - -	30	0	0
Wm. Blundell, messenger - - -	40	0	0
John Sparrow, messenger - - -	40	0	0

Besides 5*l.* more for paper, books, firing, &c.

And that the said Committee sat from July 20, 1653, till Dec. 12 following.

11. Order that the allowances to the above persons be charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, and that the Commissioners for Sequestration issue warrants to the Treasurers to pay the respective persons their salaries. Approved Feb. 16. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 111–113.]

[Feb. 16.] **35.** Petition of the inhabitants of Cole-Overton, co. Leicester, to the Protector. Our rectory being sequestered from Wm. Pestell, we elected last April for minister Sam. Oldershaw, approved by the ministers in these parts; but the Commissioners for placing ministers dissolving, we could not get an order for his settlement, though he was at the expense of riding to town for it. He has preached to us since without the least profit, but he cannot longer subsist without maintenance. We beg an order for his settlement, and receipt of all tithes and profits due since Pestell was outed. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 16. Order thereon in Council that the parishioners pay him all the profits grown due since he was chosen minister, and such as refuse are to show cause of their refusal to Council. [*I.* 75, *p.* 115.]

Feb. 16. **36.** Petition of Isaac Graye, Rob. Hannam, and John Clowes, committed prisoners to the Gatehouse by the late Council of State, to the Protector, for liberty and restoration to their wives and children, who are undone by their long and chargeable imprisonment. No

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lawful charge can be made good against them, and they promise to live quietly and peaceably under this present Government. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 16. Order thereon for their discharge. [*I.* 75, *p.* 116.]

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1. The Earl of Newport and Lord Vaux having been apprehended on a warrant touching challenge and attending at the door, order that Lord Lisle and Major-Gen. Lambert accommodate the business.

2. **37.** Col. Jones' report from the Admiralty Committee touching the John Baptist referred back to them, to do as they see cause.

3. The petition of the justices of peace and other gentry of Cheshire referred to the same Committee to whom the petition of Cheshire gentlemen touching indemnity was referred, to state and report. Col. Mackworth added to the Committee.

6. The Committee on the adventurers for Ireland to meet on Tuesday.

7. Major-Gen. Lambert's report of the Ordinance of grace for Scotland amended, agreed upon, and to be presented to the Protector.

8. Mackworth, Cooper, Jones, Lambert, and Wolsley to be a Committee to consider the whole business of the privilege of Norwich Close, examine witnesses therein, and to make an Ordinance if necessary. Mackworth to have especial care thereof.

10. The Committee who brought in the Ordinance touching Scotland to prepare an Ordinance and propositions touching pardons to the Highlanders, donatives, payment of debts, and setting forth of lands to the wife and children according to the former Ordinance, and to report.

13. Wolsley, Cooper, Strickland, and Mackworth to advise with the judges touching the business of fines on writs of covenants and post fines, and to report.

14. The petition of divers soldiers of the parishes of Bradford, Leeds, and other towns in co. York, late under command of Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, whose accounts remain with the clerk of the late Committee for the Northern Associations, referred to Strickland Wolsley, Lambert, Jones, and Mackworth, to report.

15. Order on petition of Peter Blondeau that Lambert, Jones, Wolsley, Strickland, and Mackworth be a Committee to consider the regulation of the Mint, Blondeau's petition, and Mr. Squibb's proposals, and other petitions concerning the same. Jones to take care thereof.

16. The petition of many poor and aged people that were the late King's servants referred to Mackworth, Wolsley, Strickland, Lisle, and Major, to report.

17. The petition of Rene Augier, late resident in France for the commonwealth, referred to Lisle, Montague, Jones, Strickland, and Wolsley, to report.

18. That of Sir Ed. Rhodes referred to the Mint Committee.

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19. The petition of Col. Rob. Lilburne, Col. Okey, and others, referred to the Committee for conferring with the judges touching fines, to advise with the judges and report.

20. The petition of Ignatio de Landayvolo Spanish merchant, referred by the Protector, read.

21. Approval by the Protector of orders and Ordinances of Feb 14 and 15. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 115–119.]

Feb. 16. **38.** Major John Wade to Col. Jno. Clerke, one of the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a letter for the Admiralty Committee, and desire you to get the grant of land to Lea cancelled, as the land belongs to the Forest of Dean, and its loss will ruin the furnaces, which I estimate will produce 6,000*l.* a year if care is used, and the wood well preserved. I much want money to carry on your work. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

38. I. *Order that—whereas the trustees for sale of Crown lands by indenture* 16 *Aug.* 1653, *for* 795*l.* 3*s.* 7*d. conveyed to Mich. Lea of London, gent., Whitemead Park, in the Forest of Dean, within the hundred of St. Brevialls, co. Gloucester, rent* 22*l.* 4*s., apportioned out of* 66*l.* 5*s., payable for the park and other things by the executors of Philip, late Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery; and whereas the contract for the said park was made on* 31 *Dec.* 1651, *yet the purchase could not be completed until now, in pursuance of an order of the Committee for removing Obstructions,—the receivers, tenants, and bailiffs of the park and premises pay to Lea the rent for one whole year ending* 29 *Sept.* 1652, *being* 22*l.* 5*s., and the like sum of* 22*l.* 5*s. on the* 29*th of Sept. next, and so from thence forward continue the payment of that sum for ever.*—16 *Aug.* 1653. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

38. II. *Major Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Committee. The Worcester House trustees sent down surveyors* 3 *years ago to inquire after concealed Crown lands in the Forest of Dean, and named Whitemead Park. I told them it was no park, but an enclosed piece of land within the forest used as a pound. I petitioned with others, and the sale of it was obstructed; but now Mr. Murford and others allege they have purchased it from Mr. Lea, clerk to the trustees, as part of the concealed lands of the late King formerly called the park, whereas it was never called the park, and was always held by the constable and chief officers for the better protection of the forest. It lies between your furnace and forge, and the charge of erecting them will be lost if that ground, which contains much oak wood and cinder, is taken away. It will be a loss of* 3,000*l. or* 4,000*l. a year, though it was only bought for* 700*l. I beg leave to use the oak and cinder in your*

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works.—The furnace, Forest of Dean, 15 *Feb.* 1654. [2 *pages.*]

38. III. *Copy of the said letter.* [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mackworth and Rous to be a Committee to consider whether Hornell's estate proposed be a fit one on which to settle the 100*l.* a year ordered by Parliament to widow Guys and her children, out of delinquents' estates.

3. An Ordinance for further doubling on the sale of bishops, deans, and chapters' lands read, and committed to Wolsley, Strickland, Jones, and Sydenham, with power to send for counsel and such others as they think fit.

4. An Ordinance of explanation touching treasons, and an Ordinance touching the assessing, levying, and collecting the latter 3 months' assessment at the rate of 120,000*l.*, read the third time, and on declaration of the Protector's pleasure, passed, and ordered to be printed and published.

5. The Commissioners of the Great Seal to issue writs for proclaiming an Ordinance of explanation touching treasons.

6. Order on Major-Gen. Lambert's report from the Committee on the petition of Col. Whetham, Governor of Portsmouth, that the establishment for Portsmouth, Southsea Castle, and Portland in the said report, amounting to 623*l.* 14*s.* a month, formerly continued till Feb. 2, be continued till 6th March next; and that from that day, one of the 4 companies of 70 soldiers besides officers, now in Portsmouth, be reduced, and the rest continue for the safety of the town and castle. Major Murford, Deputy-Governor of Portsmouth, and his company, to be one of the 3 continued. The Army Commissioners to issue warrants to the War Treasurers for payment accordingly. Approved 21 Feb.

7. The supernumeraries lately added to the regiments of the Protector, Col. Ingoldsby, Col. Pride, Sir Wm. Constable, and Col. Goffe, to be continued one month from Jan. 20, and the Army Committee to issue warrants for payment. Approved 21 Feb.

8. An Ordinance to be brought in for making void an Act of Parliament of Scotland whereby John Swinton is forfeited in his life, honours, lands, estate, and goods, and for restoring him in blood.

9. Order, on Col. Sydenham's report from the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries,—that on conference with the Committee appointed by the body of Adventurers for land in Ireland, as also with the Committee for determining Claims in pursuance of an order of Jan. 12, 1654, they find the body of Adventurers to be willing, out of the penny in the pound received by them, to satisfy the clerks imployed by the Committee for Claims and other incident charges; and whereas nothing has been had for the Committee for Claims, and it is certified by the Committee for the body of Adventurers that Alderman Andrewes has 1,379*l.* in his hands, forfeitures accruing to the Adventurers by such as have not paid their full subscription, and they desire that this sum, with as much land, Irish measure, as according to the rates of the Adventurers will make it up 4,000*l.*, may be divided amongst the said Committee of 8 persons—that Ald.

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Thos. Andrewes be authorised to pay the 1,379*l.* to the said Committee of 8, for satisfaction of their care in the business. Approved 21 Feb.

10. Order that Mr. Reading and Plumpton be joined with the Governor of Windsor, instead of Mr. Young, in execution of an order of Council of Jan. 31, 1654, touching the woods and trees in that forest.

11. Order on an award in a case in the duchy of Lancaster, between Beatrice and Alice Rigby infants, by Hen. Nowell, their guardian, and Jos. Rigby and others,—about the office of clerk of the peace for co. Lancaster, which could not be confirmed on account of the expiration of the Act for continuing the jurisdiction of that court, and meanwhile the profits are received by the defendants,—that the profits be sequestered into the hands of Lieut.-Col. Chas. Wolsley, on trust for payment to those to whom it shall appear to belong, and that he appoint an honest and able person to execute the office, to whom Jos. Rigby is to deliver all the books, &c. of the office, and allow him to execute it. Approved 21 Feb.

12. An Ordinance to be brought in for excusing Justice Hales from riding the circuit for this time, in respect of some especial occasions for the public wherein he is to be employed.

15. The petition of the under-named officers, on behalf of themselves and the army in Ireland, referred to Lambert, Lisle, Montague, Jones, Cooper, and Wolsley, to report.

16. Order that — Dutton, Roger Lee, Roger Coates, Thos. Rosse, Capt. Thos. Smith, — Archer, — Jenkins, Jos. Sawyer, — Bunce, Jos. Barker, and Chris. Watkins, be committed to the Tower, and a warrant issued to that purpose.

17. Baron Thorpe, Sir Wm. Roberts, and Serjeant Steele to be desired to hasten their report concerning the highways. [*J.* 75, *pp.* 119–123.]

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Council to the Commissioners for disposing of the proceeds of the late cathedral at Lichfield.

We are informed that a considerable sum, part of the proceeds of the cathedral, has remained divers months in the hands of private persons, without improvement or security, and particularly 600*l.* belonging to the poor of Stafford, to whom half the said proceeds was designed by an order of Parliament of April 4, 1651. Also that the poor of Stafford are very numerous, through the pulling down of some out part of the town for securing the garrison in the late war; and that the house of correction there is much defaced, which, if repaired, might be a very proper house to set the poor on work, for which it was formerly employed.

We recommend to your special care that the money so owing be speedily called in, and this and the further proceeds employed for relieving and setting the poor on work; and particularly that the town of Stafford may receive their proportion, which being a work of much charity and justice, we doubt not but you will effectually cause the premises to be put in execution. [*J.* 75, *p.* 121.]

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Feb. 18/28. Flushing. **39.** Peeders Gilles Pene to Ralph Parker, Flushing. Capt. Chas. Bleyaert received a commission against the rebels of England from the Duke of York, under his hand and seal, dated Paris, 12 Feb., and the same was registered by you on 16 Feb. 1654, but he has been taken, after a day at sea, by the French, who take exception to his commission, therefore we wish an attestation of it to be sent as soon as possible, wherein you are to certify,—

1. That you have seen and read the said commission, and that it was a good commission, and conformable to those before granted by the said Duke.

2. That according to order, you registered it on the aforesaid day, and that it can now be inspected without the least difficulty. Send it to Johannis Michelseet at Middleburgh, with orders to deliver it early to-morrow morning. [1 *page, Dutch.*]

Feb. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Wolsley, Mackworth, Moyer, and Rous, to be a Committee to consider the matter contained in a draft of an Act presented to Council, touching rural prebends and rectories *sine curâ*, to hear what shall be offered therein, to advise with counsel if they see cause, and report.

2. The Army Committee to send into the several counties the Ordinance passed last Friday touching the later 3 months' assessment.

4. Order on Major-Gen. Desborow's reporting a desire of the Admiralty Committee for an order of assistance for the greater convenience of sick and wounded men, that the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen be authorised to empower their agents in the several ports to call to their assistance any mayors, bailiffs, constables, or other officers, for the more convenient ordering of sick men for their recovery; and all such officers are hereby required to assist. Approved 21 Feb.

5. Order on report from the Admiralty Committee, that Sir John Wolstenholme's house in Seething Lane be purchased as an office for the Navy Commissioners, and that the Admiralty Commissioners be empowered to give order for treating with Sir John Wolstenholme for it, and to report. Approved 21 Feb.

6. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that they be authorised to require from time to time from the Admiralty Judges and Prize Goods' Commissioners an exact account of all proceedings in cases relating to ships and goods yet uncondemned, or which may hereafter be depending in the Admiralty Court, and to examine where any obstructions are therein, and to send for persons and papers, and to give such directions as they think fit, and all persons to be obedient to them. Approved 21 Feb.

8. **40–42.** Order that as Edw. Backwell has contracted with the trustees for sale of exempted Crown lands for 3 meadows and the hare warren in Hampton Court, Bushy old park, and part of the new park, and assigned his interest in the hare warren to [Shadrach] Brice and [John] Imwood, ½ of old Bushy park to Joshua Woolnough, and the 3 meadows to his brother John, who has paid therefor 1,242*l.*, and is willing to relinquish his interest on repayment, with

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658*l.* surplus, which the Protector and Council have accepted, that the trustees receive Backwell's release of contract, and pay him 1,900*l.* Approved 21 Feb.

Order that—as part of the land in the said contract is conveyed to Rich. Caswell, and Edw. Backwell has paid for the remainder, that is, for ½ old Bushy park 1,118*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, and for new Bushy park 1,632*l.*, and is willing to relinquish his contract on payment of 142*l.* surplus,—on his so doing, the trustees pay him 2,892*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* Approved 21 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 123–126.] *Annexing,*

42. I., II. *Valuation of the interests in Bushy park of Josh. Woolnough* - - 1,418 8 6
Edw. Backwell, goldsmith - - - 1,118 8 6
" " - - - 1,774 0 0
John Backwell - - - - 1,900 0 0
£ 6,210 17 0

The profit given by the State to the purchasers being 1,100*l.* [2 *papers.*]

42. III., IV. *Notes of the sums required by the several claimants named in the order for re-purchase of Hampton Court lands, viz.,* 6,638*l.* 7*s. purchase money repaid, and* 1,200*l. surplusage allowed. Total,* 7,838*l.* 7*s.* [2 *papers.*]

Feb. 20. Leghorn. **43.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Committee. Although our letters from England do not give us the least intimation, yet the Dutch letters from Holland fill the town with certain advices that the peace with England is as good as concluded. Their States have sent orders here to discharge out of pay those ships of war that were raised in these seas, intimation being made thereof yesterday to 7 of them which are in this port, and another 8 leagues off, who this day have landed and paid off their soldiers. Two of their ships are still at sea hereabouts, which it is supposed they keep purposely out of the way to catch one of our ships expected here.

I have two anchors and a cable left by the Leopard and Bonadventure, as also 50 barrels of powder and shot provided for a supply to those ships in their unhappy engagement, which shall be disposed of as you may order. When the Phœnix ran aground in the said engagement, she heaved 4 pieces of ordnance overboard to lighten herself, which I have hopes of recovering. With copy of his letter of 6th Feb. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Feb. 21. **44.** Order by the Admiralty Committee that General Desborow report to the Protector and Council that the Committee—having received information that the trustees at Worcester House have sold to Michael Lea, their clerk, part of the Forest of Dean called Whitemead Park, on a suggestion that the same was vested in them by Act of Parliament for sale of the lands of the King, Queen, and Prince, but which was part of the forest, and called a park from being enclosed for a pound (as will appear by a letter from Major

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Wade) [*see p. 405 supra*]; and the said Commissioners, finding there is a proviso in the said Act against the sale of any of the lands lying within the usual precincts, limits, or perambulation of the forests, and that the said parcel of land is of great concernment to the public, in regard of the many goodly oaks thereon fit for shipping, as also in respect of the cinder fit for the furnace lately erected there for casting shot,—are of opinion that Major John Wade should be authorised to prohibit all persons from entering upon the said lands, or cutting down or disposing of any of the said timber, until further order. [*Copy*, ¾ *page.*]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. **45.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners give warrant to Major Wade to stay the felling and carrying of timber at Poundover, Forest of Dean, and state the whole business concerning the sale of Poundover by the Worcester House trustees, sending for such persons and papers as they see cause, and report. [¾ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 128.] *Annexing,*

45. I. *Report by the said Commissioners on the above reference about the disposal of Whitemead lands, Forest of Dean, by the trustees of Worcester House, that by a proviso in the Act for sale of Crown lands, all lands except parks lying in forests are exempted. The trustees plead that the lands in question, which they sold to Mich. Lea, one of their clerks, on a pretended discovery, are a park, but on full hearing, it appears that they have never been severed from the forest, nor secured for deer, but used as a pound for stray cattle, and therefore should not have been sold, but the trustees should give Lea reprisals for his purchase-money.* [*Draft*, 1 *page.*]

45. II. *Notes of what constitutes a park, i.e., a paling round it for wild beasts and deer. Usage makes the difference between a park and a pound. It was called Whitemead Park 1 Hen. VII., &c.* [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. **46.** Order that the said Commissioners consider of fit powers and instructions for better preservation of timber in the Forest of Dean, and offer the same to Council. [½ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 128.]

[Feb. 21.] **47.** Petition of Margaret Hungerford, widow and executrix of Sir Edw. Hungerford, to the Protector. I petitioned with Sir Neville Poole for relief against a debt of 500*l.* owing by the State for which Sir Edw. Hungerford and Sir N. Poole became bound, being promised security by Parliament. You referred the case to Council, who have referred it to the next Parliament, but that will be too late, as a suit is commenced against us, and judgment will be forthwith obtained. The former of the two late Parliaments made an Ordinance for payment of the debt. I beg payment out of papists and delinquents' estates in Wiltshire, and the more because the State owes me 7,000*l.* besides, which I have forborne to demand, because of its great occasions for money. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

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47. I. *Order in Parliament that the sequestrators of co. Wilts pay to Giles, brother of Sir Edw. Hungerford, 500l. due on bond to* [*Rich.*] *Aldsworth, for a regiment of horse under Col. Ludlow, for which Sir John Danvers and Hugh Audley stood bound, and Audley has paid the money, and now sues the executrix of Sir E. Hungerford and Sir N. Poole, who were counter securities. Also that the Committee of Indemnity consider the business.* —29 *May* 1649. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 21. Reference thereon to Mr. Strickland and Col. Jones, to see how the 500*l.* may best be paid and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 128.]

Feb. 21. **48.** Petition of many well affected tradesmen in London, Westminster, and the parts adjacent, to the Protector. By a vote of Parliament of 9 July 1651, the court of the palace of Westminster, called the Marshal's court, was voted to be taken away. In obedience to that vote, though not binding in law, it has been discontinued, to our prejudice and ruin, as we have no easy or speedy way for recovery of our debts. We petitioned the then Parliament, and gave in a paper of reasons, on which a Committee was ready to report, but Parliament was dissolved. The government of these realms being now so happily conferred on your Highness, we beg you to provide for our relief. [1 *sheet, with* 13 *sheets of signatures in* 2 *columns, most of them giving the trade of the writer.*] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Reasons alluded to, showing the usefulness of the Marshal's court held at Southwark. That many have suits in the court, and debtors in prison on executions therefrom, the benefit of which will be lost if the court be discontinued. No place* $\frac{1}{10}$ *so populous is without a peculiar jurisdiction to recover debts. Most of the inhabitants trade on credit, and will lose their trade without an easy means to recover their debts. That court was expeditious, and in the higher court, where no bail is taken, a creditor will rather lose his debt than hazard* 7*l.* or 8*l.* *on a trial.*

None will be advantaged by its suppression, but those who wish to protect themselves from the law, as this court can enter any liberty within 12 *miles of Westminster except London.*

Many having gone to the high courts at Westminster, have found them so tedious and expensive that they have let fall their actions rather than undergo the charge. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. Reference thereon to Mackworth, Jones, and Strickland to consider the usefulness of the marshal's court, and to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 128.]

Feb. 21. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1, 11. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders of 17 and 20 Feb.

2. To advise the Protector to send a commission to Serjeant Bradshaw to be Chief Justice of Chester.

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3. Order by his Highness and Council suspending Baron Thorpe from going this circuit.

4. The order of 29 Dec. to the Drury House trustees, to forbear sale of Saltrum farm and house for 2 months, continued for 6 weeks longer. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 127–129.]

Feb. 21. The Swiftsure, Ellen's Road. **49.** John Poortmans to [Robt. Blackborne]. I am glad we have had such moderate weather, otherwise the fleet would have been scattered, we have so many sluggish ships. The transfer of the steward of the Sovereign to the great frigate at Woolwich is resented by the Generals, and it would therefore be as well to appoint Mr. Hawthorne of the great frigate to the other, and thereby satisfy both parties.

I am thankful for your kind offers, but would rather have nothing urged on my behalf, but leave it to the Lord either to stand or fall. The wind having come to the S.S.E., the design of our keeping sea is frustrated, and we have arrived here, but we left the Essex and others at the station. [2 *pages, damaged.*]

[Feb. 22.] **50.** Petition of Isaac Lyte, merchant, to the Protector. My request to the Council for sale of swords was referred to the Ordnance Committee, who contracted with me for 6,000, and the contract was confirmed by the Army Committee; but as that Committee was dissolved in 1650, before the order was drawn up, the swords lie still on my hands. I beg time to fit them for the use of the State, or leave to export 2,000 to Spain. With reference thereon to Council, 3 Feb. 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. **51.** Reference thereon by Council to Sir C. Wolsley, Major-Gen. Skippon, Mr. Strickland, and Col. Mackworth, to report. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 130.]

Feb. 22. **52.** Petition of Thos. Violet to the Protector. By several orders of the late Council of State I have assisted 14 months in prosecuting in the Admiralty Court the silver ships Samson, Salvador, and George. I find hundreds of claims put in for the silver and merchandise, by Spaniards, Flandrians, and Hamburghers, and scores of examinations to prove them to belong to Spaniards and Hamburghers, and I think it my duty to acquaint you therewith.

I beg you to appoint a Committee to take an exact account of all the transactions in that business, and of how it stands in the Admiralty Court, what claims are fit to come to trial, and what should be respited till the return of commissions from foreign parts. Also to order Dr. Walker and me to attend the said Committee, to advise how the business may best be carried on, and vindicate the justice of this nation for staying the silver and merchandise. With reference thereon to Council, 3 Feb. 1654. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. Order in Council referring the same to Lambert, Lisle, and Sydenham, who are to send for the petitioner and Dr. Walker, and any other persons or papers they think fit, and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 131.]

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1. Order that the Prize Goods' Commissioners deliver to Major Neh. Bourne one or more prize ships, and out of the price thereof, allow him 400*l.*, he paying the overplus of the value, which is not to exceed 700*l.*

4. An Ordinance reported by Sydenham from the Committee for Inspections, &c., for the further perfecting of accounts of all officers and soldiers within the security given to the army, referred to Lambert, Jones, Sydenham, and Mackworth, to confer with such officers as they think fit, amend the Ordinance or prepare another, and report.

5. Order appointing Wm. Gough, M.A. to the rectory of Christian-Malford, co. Wilts, which was sequestered into the hands of Mr. Dolman, lately dead, and the profits are to be paid him accordingly. With note of the Protector's approval, Sec. Thurloe having signified his pleasure therein. *Annexing,*

53. 1. *Note by Thurloe of the Protector's pleasure, alluded to.*—22 *Feb.* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

7. The Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal to issue a writ of *certiorari* to the clerk of Council, to certify into Chancery the instrument called the Government of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, to be there enrolled, and sent by *mittimus* into all the other courts at Westminster, to be there enrolled.

8. An Ordinance for constituting Commissioners assistant of the revenue, reported by Maj. Gen. Lambert from the Committee touching the treasuries and revenue, read and recommitted. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 129–131.]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. Council to Joshua Goslyn and Sam Osborne. We hear that a Dutch vessel, laden with pepper, logwood, &c., was lately forced on shore at Alderney, and much of her lading embezzled by the inhabitants. You are to repair thither, inquire how the goods have been disposed of, what part pilfered, sold, or conveyed away by the inhabitants or others, and what part remains for the State's use. To ascertain the full truth, you are to examine witnesses before the bailiff and jurates of Guernsey, or other magistrates thereabouts, seize such of the goods as you can discover, and deposit them safely in Guernsey or elsewhere. With writ of assistance. [*I.* 112, *p.* 11.]

Feb. 22. **54.** Elizabeth Alkin, *alias* Parliament Joan, to Robt. Blackborne, Axe Yard. Pray move the Navy Commissioners to grant me some money, for I am very weak, with many infirmities procured by my desire to serve the State. As for the 10*l.* Major Bourne paid in, I spent 6*l.* in relieving Dutch prisoners at Harwich and Ipswich; seeing their wants and misery were so great, I could not but have pity upon them, although our enemies. As for the moneys received at Harwich, I gave the Mayor an account to a penny, so that I arrived in London with only 3*s.* I expended 4*l.* for our own sick and wounded at Ipswich. [1 *page.*]

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Feb. 22. Poultry Counter. **55.** John White to Bob. Blackborne, Admiralty secretary. I come to you in my extremity, for money is due to me. I have been in this sad place 3 weeks, and only eaten one bit of victuals. From my creditors I have only cruelty, and my friends mock me and say, "What have you gotten by serving the State?" If I had liberty, I would venture my life in the service, and allow my pay to my creditors till satisfied, and law demands no more. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. **56.** Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners. We desire that Wm. Knowles, chaplain of the Marigold, may be tried by a council of war for counterfeiting General Monck's hand; send him prisoner on board the Triumph, with a letter to Capt. Lane to deliver him to the Marshal of the Fleet for his trial. The Ordnance officers complain of want of canvas for their stores. We desire you to order some. [1 *page.*]

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3. **57.** Order that the Commissioners for Inspecting Treasuries take care to furnish 2,000*l.* to Gualter Frost for the Council's contingencies, and issue a warrant accordingly.

4. An Ordinance for constituting Commissioners assistant of the revenue recommitted yesterday, and reported by Major-Gen. Lambert from the Treasury Committee, agreed to, and to be presented to the Protector. Approved 27 Feb.

5. Mr. Strickland to give directions for matters referring to the entertainment of the Ambassadors suddenly expected from the States General, and to take order with Sir O. Fleming to provide Sir Abraham Williams' house for them.

6. Nich. Bond to be steward for ordering such matters as refer to their diet while they are at the State's charge.

7, 8. The Masters and Wardens of the Stationers' Company in London, forthwith to make stay and seizure of a book called "A twofold Catechism," by John Bidle, that it may be secured from further sale, and Rous, Desborow, Mackworth, and Wolsley to consider the book, state the matter therein contained, and report.

9. The same persons to consider an Act of the late Parliament for accounts and public debts, and to report what part thereof may be continued, and what taken away.

14. Order that the Ambassadors Extraordinary from the United Provinces be allowed 50 dishes for 1st and 2nd course, and 30 dishes of fruit and sweetmeats for each meal; also a convenient allowance of eatables for their attendants.

That they be entertained for 9 meals, and 300*l.* be immediately paid Mr. Bond out of the Council's contingencies, to provide against their coming; and that he give an account for the same to the auditors of the imprest, and after present it to Council.

That 12 of the Council's messengers attend the Ambassadors, and carry up the meat and wait at table. Mr. Bond authorised to provide plate for their entertainment.

15. Mr. Kinnersley to furnish the house for them with beds and other necessaries.

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16. Mr. Jessop to give 20*s.* to each of the coachmen of the borrowed coaches that attended the Protector on his going to the city, and 10*s.* each to the footmen, and Frost to pay the same to Jessop. Approved 27 Feb.

17. An Ordinance for reviving the privileges and jurisdiction of the county palatine of Lancaster read in parts, agreed on, and ordered to be presented to Parliament. Approved 27 Feb.

18. Mr. Kinnersley to find out all the goods belonging to the State useful for furnishing the Protector's house, and employ such as are necessary.

21. Order,—on Mr. Jessop's representing that in pursuance of an order of the late Council of State, he has cast up several bills exhibited by the messengers for travelling charges, and by others for expenses in the service of Council, which were not perfected into warrants in regard of the change of government, and praying their pleasure concerning demands by some of the messengers for their voyages by sea, after 6*d.* a mile;—that Jessop certify the totals of the bills, in order that warrants may be prepared for payment out of Council's contingencies. *Annexing,*

58. I. *Notes of monies due to clerks, messengers, &c., Mr. Priestley, Dr. Walker, Mr. Dorislaus, &c.; total,* 3,989*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* [*Draft,* 1 *sheet.*]

58. II. *Like notes; total,* 4,336*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* [½ *page. See warrant tables,* 23 *Feb.* 1654.]

22. Order on a report from the Committee to whom the petition of Charles and Arabella Earl and Countess of Nottingham was referred —setting forth that by patent of March 15, 14 James, there was granted him by the name of Charles Howard, jun., for life (beside a former pension of 1,000 marks a year) a pension of 500*l.* a year, payable out of certain new impositions set by the said King; and in case of nonpayment, then out of the subsidies and customs in the port of London; also that by articles of agreement of May 12, 1636, between the said Earl and Lady, and her trustees, he covenanted to pay to her use 200*l.* a year during their joint lives yearly or half-yearly, according as he should receive the said annuities;—that the annuity of 500*l.* be paid out of the customs and subsidies of the port of London in 4 equal portions till further order, viz., during their joint lives, 300*l.* to the Earl, and 200*l.* to the Lady or her trustees. If he survive her, 500*l.* to him from the date of her death.

The Customs' Commissioners, on paying the Lady her proportions, are to receive from her an acquittance that she has received the sum from the Earl by their hands; and on paying the Earl his proportion, they are to give him the Lady's receipt, and get from him an acquittance for the whole sum, which shall be their sufficient discharge.

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In case the Earl shall desire his proportion before any such acquittance given by the Lady, he shall give a receipt for the whole, viz., for so much received and so much left in the Commissioners' hands for the Lady, for which proportion the Lady's acquittance shall be sufficient discharge.

That the Commissioners forthwith pay the Earl and Lady the arrears thereof from March 25 last, and that this order be sufficient warrant for the present and future payment. Approved 27 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 131–136.]

[Feb. 24.] **59.** Petition of the inhabitants of Wiston, Sussex, to the Protector. Nehemiah Beaton,—of whose piety, ability, and exemplary life they have had 2 years' experience, since the Committee for Plundered Ministers, on their petition, settled him amongst them, allowing him 40*l.* from the profits of the rectory,—has lately only had part of this small allowance, and now the whole is denied him, and the Earl of Thanet warns them not to pay it to him, so that the smallness of the allowance will compel him to remove, and they will be destitute of a preaching minister. Beg that his abode among them may be continued, and made comfortable. [1 *page.* 17 *signatures, of which* 5 *are by marks.*]

[Feb. 24.] **60.** Petition of Nehemiah Beaton, minister of Wiston, Sussex, to the Protector. On 18 Feb. 1653, the Committee for Plundered Ministers, by consent of the Earl of Thanet, ordered 50*l.* from Wiston rectory, which the Earl was wont to receive for repair of the parsonage house, and 40*l.* a year out of the profits to be paid to petitioner whilst minister there. Begs a decree for the Earl to obey the order, 40*l.* a year "being a very narrow allowance for food, raiment, books, and physic, and all incident charges, in these times." [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *Order by the Committee for Plundered Ministers above alluded to.*—18 *Feb.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

60. II. *Certificate by Fras. Cheynell, Thos. Stafford, Ant. Perrot, Fras. Cuffley, Rob. Child, Hen. Jordan, and John Owen to the orthodoxy and good conversation of Neh. Beaton.*—10 *Nov.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

60. III. *Fras. Cuffley to Col. Sydenham. As you are called to your trust for holy ends, I present you the care of this young man, Neh. Beaton, eminently qualified for the work of the gospel. I beg the assistance of Council for improving an order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers for an augmentation which he needs, the whole belonging to him being but* 8*l. or* 10*l. a year. I know you have work enough on you, yet pray help his cause. I should be loth that he should desert his station, where he has interest in the hearts of the people, for want of necessaries.—Arundel, Feb.* 4, 1654. [¾ *page.*]

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Feb. 24. **61.** F. Cheynell to Col. Montague. I give you an opportunity to promote a small request of great concern to the Church. Mr. Beaton, an able and godly minister, is content with a very narrow allowance in our parts, where he does eminent service. He gives half his stipend to his aged mother, the widow of his father, who was honoured amongst us for his work, but died very poor. The petition is just. The Earl of Thanet receives 120*l.* a year by a lease of impropriate tithes, which lease binds him, as he confesses, to pay 40*l.* a year to the minister, but Parliament being dissolved, he will pay nothing, so that this precious man must be either starved or removed, unless you take compassion on him.

P.S.—Let the Committee's order be carefully preserved, because his whole existence depends on it, unless he have a new grant. [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 24.] **62.** Petition of Nath. Markes, merchant, to the Protector. I complained to the late Council of State of my great sufferings in name, credit, and estate, by imprisonment and detention of my estate, only on suspicion, and that the case had long been in the hands of Dr. Gurdon, who was to determine it by trial at law, but no proceedings were taken; thereupon they ordered the Attorney-General to prosecute me, and he has had all the papers from Dr. Gurdon, and advised with counsel, but finds nothing to proceed upon. I would not trouble you with my private affairs, but utter ruin threatens me, and other merchants whose estates are in my hands, and I can do nothing till I am freed, and my estate discharged. I beg that the Attorney-General may bring his report, and that I may have relief, being guiltless in the matter of which I am accused. With order thereon that the Attorney-General present his report and opinion to Council.—7 Feb. 1654. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

62. I. *Report thereon of the Attorney-General. Markes was charged with uttering false coin in Ireland, and complained to the late Council of State that the Commissioners there had seized his estate on suspicion. They referred the matter to Dr. Gurdon and divers justices of Middlesex, and on their certificate, I was ordered,* 10 *June last, to proceed in the business; but I found the evidence insufficient, and think he should not be indicted unless there be further evidence, but discharged.*—16 *Feb.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 24. Order on the above petition and report that the Attorney-General certify whether he has seen what has been certified by the Commissioners for Ireland in the business, and whether there has been any charge from them, or proceedings had thereon. [*I.* 75, *p.* 137.]

Feb. 24. **63.** Report by Lambert, Whalley, and Goffe, on a reference to them by the Protector of the settlement of Windsor Castle, that Col. Whichcote raised 100 men, as ordered 10 Dec. last, but they have had no pay, and the Governor has lent them money to subsist. That the place being useful to secure prisoners, and as a magazine, the 100 men should be paid to 6 March next, and then be reduced to 80, whose pay, with officers, would be 135*l.* 16*s.* a month; 16 of the 80

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being maimed men from the hospital, and 4 to be employed about the guns, the guards will only be 60.—23 Feb. 1654. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Reference by the Protector alluded to. Holograph, signed.* —17 *Feb.* [⅓ *page*].

63. II. *List of* 10 *officers and* 100 *soldiers for Windsor, beside* 24 *privates and officers, formerly allowed to Col. Whichcote, making a complete company.* [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 24. Order for an establishment for Windsor Castle, in pursuance of the said report, and that there be allowed, for the pay of the garrison, viz., for a captain, lieutenant, ensign, 2 serjeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 gentleman of arms, and 100 private soldiers, from Dec. 14 last inclusive to 6 March next; and from that time, 20 private soldiers being reduced, that the said garrison be established as follows:—

	s.	d.	
A governor - -	4	0	a day.
A gunner - -	0	10	besides soldier's pay.
A gunner's mate -	0	4	,,
2 matrosses, 2*d.* a piece -	0	4	,,
Fire and candle for guard	1	6	
	7	0	
	£9	16	0 a month.

	£	s.	d.
A captain - - - -	0	8	0
A lieutenant - - - -	0	4	0
An ensign - - - -	0	3	0
2 serjeants - - - -	0	3	4
3 corporals - - - -	0	3	6
1 drummer - - - -	0	1	2
1 gent. of arms - - - -	0	0	4
80 private soldiers - - -	3	6	8
A day -	4	10	0
A month	126	0	0

The Army Committee to enter the same into the establishment, and issue warrants to the war treasurers for payment accordingly. Approved 27 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 138, 139.]

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1. The business of the book written by Mr. Bidle to be considered next Tuesday.

2. The Prize Goods' Commissioners to deliver to Nich. Bond, for the State's service in the entertainment of the Ambassadors, two hogsheads of French wine, and one peice of sack of the prize wines.

4. Roger Coates to be discharged from imprisonment in the Tower.

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5. The Lieutenant of the Tower to be empowered, as he shall see cause, to examine any of the persons committed upon the late discovery of a plot, for finding out the truth of the business, or further discovery of the persons engaged therein.

6. The persons apprehended by Lieut.-Col. Wolsley to be detained in custody till further order.

7. Council to meet this afternoon to consider the Dutch business, and Secretary Thurloe to move the Protector that he will please to be present.

11. Order on a paper offered to Council, tendering a discovery upon the collection of a duty in Turkey called the strangers' consulage, that $\frac{1}{5}$ of the money which Paul Hagget shall discover as belonging to the Protector upon that collection be allowed him, in case it be found to be a discovery. Approved 27 Feb.

12. Order that as Brice and Imwood have asked 20*l.* for their charges in the manor more than allowed them by the order of 18 Jan. last, the trustees forbear to execute that order, but order the treasurers to pay them 1,390*l.* instead of 1,370*l.*, for their interest in the hare warren of Hampton Court. Approved 27 Feb.

15. An estimate of the charge of the forces in England, Ireland, and Scotland for 6 months and 14 days referred to the Revenue Committee, to consider how moneys will be raised for supporting that charge, and to report.

17. Approval by the Protector of two orders, 22 and 23 Feb.

20. The whole matter of the proceedings at the New Exchange by the Portuguese and others, on Nov. 21 and 22, referred to the Attorney-General, Sir Thos. Witherington, serjeant-at-law, and Serjeant Steele, Recorder of the City, to examine witnesses as to both the English and Portuguese concerned, and to report.

21. The petition of Henry Lord Herbert referred to Jones, Mackworth, Sydenham, and Strickland, to examine and report. Meanwhile all proceedings of the Committee for removing Obstructions against Lord Herbert, touching the fee-farm rent of 88*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.*, to be stayed.

22. The weekly pension to Sir Adam Loftus to be continued, and paid him out of the Council's contingencies, until the business be determined. Approved 27 Feb.

23. **64.** Sydenham and Jones with the Admiralty Commissioners to consider how money may be supplied for the present charges of the navy; also the business of the liberty to import French wines, and to report on Monday. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 137–140.]

Feb. 24. **65.** Notes of proceedings in the Committee on the Greenland trade.—31 Jan., 7 Feb. and 24 Feb. 1654. [2 *pages, partly in shorthand undecyphered.*]

Feb. [24.] **66.** Reasons assigned by Thos. Horth why divers men ought not to fish in Greenland, in the harbours appointed to the company.

In 1645, on petition of the company, Parliament gave notice to all the ports throughout England, by their burgesses, that all should

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come in and join the company in guarding the harbours, giving assurance to Parliament to set out yearly a certain proportion of ships. But the trade being hazardous, after 3 months' time given, none came in but York, Hull, and Yarmouth. Urges therefore that no new adventurer of only 2 or 3 years' standing should now be admitted. London, Hull, and Yarmouth have at great cost and loss defended Bell Sound, Horne Sound, Green Harbour, Cross Road, Mettle Bay, and Sir Thos. Smith's Bay, but the late intruders, Warner, Whitwell, &c., have for 2 years only sent into the company's harbours 2 or 3 small vessels, which not only refused to join them to keep out the French and Dutch, but brought in Dutch strangers to manage their stock and adventure, the consequences of which will be most dangerous to English navigation. [1½ *pages.*]

66. I. *Miles Corbet, by order of the Navy Committee, to Mr. Balines [M.P. for Yarmouth]. The Merchant Adventurers of London have petitioned that the Greenland trade will soon be lost by intrusion of the French, Dutch, and Biskeners, unless prevented by Parliament, who referred the petition to the Navy Committee.*

Mr. Owner and I, being present when it was discussed, took care that Yarmouth should not be excluded, and other ports will not be, if within 3 months they come in and undertake to set out a proportion of ships of defence yearly, to join with the Londoners to maintain the English right. But the Committee thinks that the trade should be regulated, and that the ships set out should join with the Londoners, both for offence and defence, to prevent the intrusion of foreigners into the English harbours.

See what proportion your town will be tied to yearly, whether as a joint stock or by particular men, and I will take care of it; because unless some sudden course is taken, the trade will be wholly left to strangers.—2 *Jan.* 1645. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 24. **67.** Reasons by Thos. Horth for furnishing the Greenland adventurers with a competent number of seamen, as they have to fight to defend the harbours, as well as to guard their ships, and must have 50 or 55 men on each ship, of whom 25 or 30 should be able seamen and the rest landsmen. Unless these can be secured, their voyage will be overthrown.

The best way to secure them would be to grant warrants for the 25 or 30 men for each ship, but allowing them to rig the State's ships at Deptford and Woolwich till the time for their voyage.

To put on each ship 15 or 20 soldiers, the merchants finding them victuals and wages, so that ½ the seamen may be spared, and landmen trained for seamen.

If letters of reprisal are granted, let the State have ¼ of what is got, allow the men ¼ above their wages, and the merchants the other ½ toward expenses. It would be a great encouragement if a frigate or man-of-war could be allowed them for protection. The

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subscribers should undertake for 3, 4, or 5 years, or else, in case of loss, most will fall off, and the harbours will be unguarded, and the State unsupplied with those commodities. [2¾ *pages.*]

Feb. 24. **68.** Estimate of ships required to guard and fish in the English harbours in Greenland, viz.: 12 ships of 3,000 tons and 580 men, of which the London company supplies - 1,600 tons.

Hull and York - - - -	400
Horth for Yarmouth - - -	500
Whitwell and partners - - -	300
Battson and partners - - -	200
	3,000

[1 *page.*]

Feb. 24. **69.** List of the 55 present members of the Muscovy Company, adventurers for Greenland. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 24. **70.** List of 18 adventurers of Hull who join in the fishing. [*Scrap.*]

Feb. 25. The Swiftsure, Stokes Bay. **71.** Gens. Blake and Penn to the Admiralty Committee. The Sovereign will be ready to receive the lower tier of ordnance when sent down. Your orders to the commanders of the ships northward to make a conjunction with the fleet are very seasonable, having respect to the intelligence that the enemy intend being at sea with 120 sail by the 1st of next month; but we have suspended the recall of the ships from the West, where they do much service, hearing that Beach is yet thereabout. If your next speaks of the treaty as still uncertain, we ask your opinion whether they should be called off.

We hope care will be taken for supplying the fleet with men, of which there is great want. We approve and join in your report to the Lord Protector and Council, about the embargo. It would have been more effectual if ordered sooner, provided the war with the Dutch goes on. We are still here with the main body of the fleet, and our squadron is at its station, and in good condition, the late foul weather notwithstanding. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 27. **72.** Petition of Thos. Smithsby, under housekeeper at Hampton Court, to the Protector, for an order to the Receiver-General to pay him 70*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* ordered by the late Revenue Committee, 29 Sept. 1653, for disbursements, wages about the 3 gardens, &c. With reference thereon to Council, 20 Feb. 1654. [1 *page.*]

72. I. *Warrant alluded to, but dated* 29 *March* 1653. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. Order in Council for a warrant as desired. Approved 23 March. Signed 29 March. [*I.* 75, *p.* 141.]

Feb. 27. **73.** Petition of Col. Rob. Bennet to the Protector. Has expended large sums about the Mount and Dennis fort, and begs

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leave to make an entry of them before the Commissioners for claims at Worcester House before the time for claims expires; also an order to Capt. Fox or any other officer at Pendennis Castle, to examine his accounts and vouchers. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 27. Note of the reading of this petition, but no order. [*I.* 75, *p.* 142.]

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1, 13. Approval by the Protector of 14 orders, 10–24 Feb.

4. The Ambassadors Extraordinary from the United Provinces to be entertained 7 meals, and Mr. Bond, the steward, to proceed accordingly, the order of last Thursday notwithstanding.

5. The petition of the Eastland merchants referred to Sydenham and Wolsley, to confer with them concerning their losses by the King of Denmark's detention of their ships, and report.

6. The petition of Thos. Robinson, for the sole printing of a concordance of the Bible, in a small volume, referred to Mackworth and Rouse, to report.

8. Strickland and Sydenham to assign a lodging for Mr. Pell, the mathematical lecturer.

9. Major-Gen. Skippon to present to the Protector as the advice of Council that coats be provided for the State's watermen.

11. Sydenham, Jones, and Montague to consider a paper concerning 1,250*l.* received by Col. Fras. Hacker of Ald. Ledgard of Newcastle, for supply of his regiment of horse, allowance whereof is prayed on Mr. Ledgard's account, and to report. Meantime the issuing of the warrants signed by Council for Mr. Ledgard's payment of several sums out of the money due on his account is suspended. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 141, 142.]

Feb. 27. **74.** Eliz. Alkin to Robt. Blackborne. I am so weak that I am forced to employ 2 nurses, and have not sufficient to defray my necessities. My sickness and many infirmities have been brought about by continual watching night and day to do service for the commonwealth, and having employed others to do the like, I have been forced to sell my bed and other goods to pay them and prevent clamour. Pray move the Navy Commissioners for some money on account of my pension, or else put me into some hospital, that I may end my days less miserably. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. **75.** Order by the Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners, to make out a bill to the bailiffs of Aldborough for 1,883*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* disbursed by them for the sick and wounded and Dutch prisoners sent there from the fleet. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

75. I. *Commissioners for Sick and Wounded to the Admiralty Committee. The accounts of the bailiffs of Aldborough are* 1,551*l.* 1*s.* 3*d. for quartering sick and wounded, of which* 262*l.* 19*s. is above the* 1*s. a day and is for clothes; for travelling charges to surgeons,* 29*l.* 14*s.; apothecaries' bills,* 65*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.; conduct money,* 69*l.* 15*s.; charges of sick and wounded by land and water,* 34*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.; burial of*

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40 *men*, 14*l.*; *boats, pilots, and messengers*, 60*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*; *ticket writing*, 7*l.* 2*s.*; *extraordinary expenses*, 40*l.*; *diet of* 184 *Dutch prisoners*, 10*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* *Total*, 1,883*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, *of which they have received* 1,450*l.* *They have no certificates of receipt and discharge of the men, not knowing such were required, and they coming in such large numbers.* —23 *February, Little Britain.* [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 28. **76.** Petition of Hen. Cromwell, Wm. Hetley, Rich. Draper. and Henry and Edw. English to the [late] Council of State, Rochester Carr, being found a lunatic, his tuition was granted 12 Charles to Henry late Earl of Danby, Robert late Earl of Roxburgh, Sir Hamond Whichcott, and Sir Chas. Bolle, the last of whom only survives, and being old, has without license assigned the trust to unfit persons, so that Sir Charles has forfeited his trust by ill management. Beg a commission under the Great Seal for disposal of the lunatic's person and estate. Noted as read and laid aside. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 28. **77.** Petition of Jane, widow of Lieut.-Col. Wolfe, to the Protector. By your appointment my husband went with you to Ireland, and died 6 months after, leaving me with 6 small children in England. Most of his estate was spent in that expedition. I beg that those who hold his estate in Ireland may be ordered to give a good account of it, as I have obtained no benefit thereby, and am void of hope therein. By your procurement, on 22 June 1650, Parliament ordered me 20*s.* a week from Haberdashers' Hall, but I have received nothing since 15 April, when there was a restraint on such pensions without further order. I beg continuance of the pension, or I shall be unable to subsist. With request signed by the Protector that Council grant an order continuing the pension, with arrears.—23 Feb. 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 28. Order in Council accordingly for continued payment with arrears by the Treasurers for Goldsmiths' Hall. [*I.* 75, *p.* 143.]

Feb. 28. **78.** Petition of the heads of the smaller houses in Oxford University concerned in the augmentations to the Protector. Although we have been at much charge in attendance to procure our augmentations, they are a year in arrears; our places are so poor as not to afford a competent maintenance, and on account of our augmentations, we are debarred the enjoyment of such places of emolument as were formerly allowed. We beg our arrears, and constant payment in future, according to the orders of Parliament. Signed by Paul Hood, Gerard Langbaine, Josua Hoyle, Dan. Greenwood, John Wilkins, Rob. Harris, Th. Owen, John Conant, Mich. Roberts, and Hen. Savage. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 28. Order thereon in Council for payment of the said arrears, any order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved 23 March. [*I.* 76, *p.* 144.]

Feb. 28. **79.** Petition of the merchants of the intercourse to the [late] Council of State. By order of the Committee appointed to hear their case, they have given in to the Committee for Assessments in London

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their declaration of their privileges, showing that when assessed, they have been discharged by Privy Seal or order of Parliament for 400 years; but though their declaration is not answered, they are again threatened with the quartering upon them of a great number of soldiers. Beg suspension of these vigorous proceedings till their case is again heard before Council. [½ *page.*]

[Feb. 28.] **80.** Like petition to Council, for suspension of the proceedings of the Assessment Committee of London, who threaten to quarter soldiers on them in a day or two. [½ *page. See* 6 *Feb.* 1654.]

Feb. 28. **81.** Order thereon in Council that, forasmuch as the matter in question concerning assessments charged on the petitioners stands referred to a Committee of Council, until the said Committee shall report, and Council give further order, the Assessment Committee shall forbear to quarter soldiers on the petitioners in respect of the said assessment. The Committee of Council to whom it is referred are to hasten their report. [*Also I.* 75, *p.* 144.]

[Feb. 28.] **82.** Petition of Wm. Pym, English merchant, late of St. Malo, and of Nath. Manton, London merchant, in behalf of the Morlaix merchants, to the Protector. Since the last account for relief of distressed English mariners, taken by pirates set out from Brest under commission from the pretended King of Scots, and by the Dutch men-of-war, and sent ashore on the coast of Brittany, whence they seek passage by Morlaix and St. Malo, Pym has spent 150*l.* in their relief, or they must have perished or served the enemy. He has also engaged many to serve the State, and sent them to Cols. Bingham and Hayne, in Guernsey and Jersey. The English merchants in St. Malo have disbursed 800*l.* on this account since 1645, and there are many waiting passage, in great misery. Beg an order for their relief, a course for future supply, and repayment to the merchants out of the Algiers duties. With order thereon 25 Jan. that Council repay past disbursements out of contingency money, and direct some course for relief of the mariners in future. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Account by Wm. Pym of his disbursement of* 2,110 *livres or* 150*l.* 9*s. in relieving and transporting mariners, delivered to the Committee for regulating Customs and Excise,* 11 *March* 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

82. II. *Account of the disbursements of English merchants at St. Malo, from* 1645 *to* 1652, *total* 12,002 *livres. Endorsed with note of the reference of Pym and Manton's petition to the Committee for preservation of Customs and redemption of captives, to examine their accounts, make them a just allowance, and give their opinion as to what should be done for the future.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 28. Reference of Pym's petition to Mackworth and Rous, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 144.]

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1. The Revenue Committee to prepare and bring into Council next Monday an Ordinance for continuing the Excise and Customs, with such regulations and alterations as they judge best, and to confer with Sir Wm. Roberts, Capt. Stone, Mr. Elsinge, Bennet, and Capt. Banes, and any others they think fit.

2. The book entitled "A two-fold catechism" to be considered next Thursday.

5. The petition of Col. John Fiennes and the officers of his regiment of horse referred to Lambert, Jones, Sydenham, Mackworth, to report.

6. An Ordinance for reviving the privileges and jurisdiction of the county palatine of Lancaster, formerly presented and returned by the Protector with some alteration,—viz., Thos. Fell inserted as Commissioner for keeping the seal,—read, agreed to and ordered to be presented to the Protector, and on receiving his assent, passed for law and ordered to be printed and published.

7. The draft of an Ordinance (brought by Mr. Scobell from the Protector) to authorise Sir Wm. Roberts and others to be assistants to the Committee of Council touching the revenue, read, agreed to, and passed for law.

8. An Ordinance for taking off the penalties and forfeitures for bringing in French wines, reported by Major-Gen. Lambert, read twice, and ordered to be presented to the Protector.

9. An Ordinance for the better payment of debts, and provision for wife and children according to the ordinance for grace and pardon [in Scotland], and settling the donatives, read twice and recommitted.

10. Also an Ordinance for the imposition of 4*d.* Scottish on every Scottish pint of beer in Edinburgh.

11. The Mayor of New Sarum for the time being, James Abbot, Hump. Ditton, Thos. Oviat, and Thos. Ray, jun., added to the Commissioners for Assessments for co. Wilts, and authorised to execute all powers committed to the said Commissioners by the Act of Parliament for 6 months' assessment now in force. Approved 3 March.

15. The Protector to be attended by ———, that his directions may be received in what manner the medals prepared for the Generals of the fleet shall be disposed of.

16. The time of Council's sitting during next week to be from 9 a.m. till 12, and during that time all Commitees of Council to forbear sitting.

17. The time for hearing petitions next week to be between 9 and 10, and after 10 no petition to be offered without special leave.

18. Mr. Scobell to prepare and bring in an Ordinance touching idiots and lunatics.

21. Sir Thos. Vyner, Lord Mayor, Serjeant Steele, Recorder of London, and Mr. Sadler to attend Council at 10 to-morrow.

22. Also the head bailiff and some of the burgesses of Westminster.

23. The business mentioned in Serjeant Dendy's letter to the President, about the prison of the Upper Bench, to be considered to-morrow morning. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 143, 145.]

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Feb. 28. Guernsey. **83.** Jas. Marchant to Edw. Marston, Gardener's Lane, Westminster. I write hastily, as it is court day, and the month that I am bailiff. I am obstructed in executing the orders of Council. I have written fully to Mr. Osborne about the obstructions; I beg both your assistance, and will satisfy you for your pains. [¾ *page.*]

Feb.? **84.** Petition of Gilbert Gerard to the Protector. I was appointed by the late King clerk of the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster, for 3 lives, all in being. By an Act of the late dissolved Parliament, the jurisdiction of the duchy ended 10 Oct. last, so that I am deprived of my office, worth 600*l.* a year, which was my whole livelihood. Parliament has relieved other like officers, while the supreme power was in their hands, therefore I beg your order for my relief. [1 *page.*]

Feb. **85.** Balance of the account of Richard Fletcher for felling timber in Eltham and Lee Park, for the use of the navy, in 1649 and 1650. With two notes of warrants of 18 and 21 Feb. 1653–4 for payments to him for the felling and carriage, &c. of the same to the stores at Deptford. [2¾ *pages.*]

Feb. **86.** Return by the Commissioners for Prize Goods, Rich. Hill, and Hum. Blake, of payments made by them from 23 Jan. to 28 Feb., including 9,000*l.*, part of 15,000*l.* ordered by the late Council of State, 18 Nov. last, to be paid to the Tower treasury. Total, 11,142*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* [¾ *sheet.*]

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July 1	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Step. Hill and Thos. Mason to import the 5 cwt. of camphor granted them by a former warrant of the Council of State.	481	—
„ „	„ -	Lieut. Moore -	To search in any houses in and about London, to discover and apprehend all persons suspected of counterfeiting the coin, and bring them and their instruments before Council.	473, 476	—
„ „	„ -	All concerned -	To allow Thos. Marsh to make an experiment for generating and increasing the growth of saltpetre, not intrenching on private property.	478	—
„ „	„ -	Edw. Cary -	Commission to be one of the Committee for Compounding, Advance of Money, and Indemnity, with the usual allowances.	474, 481	—
„ „	„ -	Geo. Foxcroft -	Like commission - - - - - - - - - - -	474	—
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„ 2	„ -	Comrs. of Customs of Plymouth and Dover.	For Signor Pantaleo, brother of the Portuguese Ambassador, to transport 250 horses to Portugal, 125 from Plymouth and 125 from Dover.	2, 12	—
„ „	„ -	John Swetman, Mayor of Weymouth, Capt. J. Arthur, Vice-admiral co. Dorset, and Capt. Godfrey of the Warwick.	To restore to Capt. Hen. Mason, now released from custody, the Speedwell pink of which he is commander, and suffer him to proceed on his voyage.	11	—
„ „	„ -	John Edisbury, late prothonotary of Montgomery and Denbigh.	To deliver to Rice Vaughan, now appointed prothonotary, all the writings in his custody relating to the office.	11	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Rich. Arnold, merchant of London, to import 80 cwt. of currants, the late Act notwithstanding.	12	—
„ „	„ -	„ „ -	To allow John Young and Co., free of confiscation, the 3 tons of whalebone imported by them, on a former Council warrant.	6	—
„ „	„ -	Geo. Billinghurst of Gray's Inn.	Commission to be prothonotary and clerk for cos. Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, in place of Rob. Coytmor, removed on urgent grounds	9	—
„ 7	„ -	Pass - -	For Chas. Walgrave, Esq., to foreign parts - - - - - - -	21	—
„ „	„ -	Generals and commanders of ships, press-masters, &c.	On petition of Edw. Bushell, Nat. Andrews, and others, to allow them to man from the west of England 8 ships as privateers, and have 40 men protected to sail from the Thames to Plymouth.	21, 24	—

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July 8	C.O.S. -	John Upton and Rice Williams.	Commission to be on the Committees for Compounding, Advance of Money, and Indemnity, with the usual allowances.	28, 30	—
„ 9	„ -	Commanders of ships of war.	For 4 French ships, gone on the whale fishing, particularised by M. de Bourdeaux, viz., the Pelican, Hunter, Louise, and Denise, to return free of molestation.	33, 36	—
„ 12	„ -	Comrs. of Prize Goods.	To deliver to the Ordnance officers, for the fleet, all the ordnance from the prizes lately brought in.	41	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To prove some of every sort of the said ordnance, before they are used - - -	41	—
„ „	„ -	Pass and protection	For the John and Elizabeth from the Thames to the West, with 20 men, free of impress -	41	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For the Brazil frigate, 130 men, to proceed free from impress - - - -	42	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	The like for the Two Brothers, Good Success, Richard and Benjamin, and Agreement -	42	—
„ 13	„ -	Pass - -	For the Michel of Bourdeaux from Bristol to Plymouth, and thence to Bourdeaux - -	46	—
„ „	„ -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To take into custody Thos. Ramsey, suspected of being a Romish priest - - -	43	—
„ 14	Gen. Monk	Captains of ships -	To convoy the Fortune with iron from Stockholm to Portsmouth or the Thames - -	—	112
„ 15	C.O.S. -	[Serjeant Dendy]	To search for coin, plate, jewels, &c. belonging to enemies of the State, said to be concealed underground in John Chambers' house, Lambeth, and bring them sealed up to Council.	58	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To permit Brune Ryves to import custom free 7,000 reams of paper, for the translation of the Bible into Oriental and learned tongues.	58	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit John Sandys, merchant of London, to land 4 tons of whalebone imported by warrant of the late Council of State.	59	—
„ „	„ -	Rob. Williams and John Barnsby.	To appear before Council on 18 July, to give information as demanded - - -	60	—
„ 18	„ -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to Capt. Kelk, or on order of Col. Rob. Lilburne, the prize Hope, now at Ratcliffe, to be employed to carry stones, &c. for the fortifications at St. Johnston's.	66, 67	—
„ „	„ -	Commanders of ships, &c.	On request of the agent of Genoa, to permit the Flute, bought at Brest for that State, to pass to Genoa.	67	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance Officers -	To deliver to Lieut. Col. Worsley 40 pickaxes and shovels for a public service, to be returned when it is ended.	68	—
„ 19	„ -	Capt. Dan of a privateer.	To discharge the Good Time of Abbeville, seized by him, and allow her to proceed on her voyage.	74	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of the Great Seal.	To give a patent to — Goodyear, appointed judge of cos. Merioneth, Carnarvon, and Anglesea, in place of Judge Littleton, deceased.	74	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Lieut. Rich. Whitheare.	To be lieutenant of the Mary prize - - - - - - - - -	—	113
„ 20	N. Bourne -	Timothy Finn -	To sail with the Roebuck to the Thames, and report himself to the Navy Commissioners -	—	114

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,, ,,	,, -	Press-masters, &c.	To free from impress the boatmen, carpenters, &c. employed on repairs of Dover pier -	87	—
,, ,,	,, -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Major John Wade, for Sir Wm. Constable's regiment, 40 firelock muskets with bandoleers, in lieu of those sent to sea with the soldiers.	87	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships, press-masters, &c.	To permit the Elizabeth with 40 men, Damazell with 36, Mary Ann with 12, and Lydia with 12, to sail free of impress, on account of the merchant adventurers.	88	—
,, 22	,, -	John Frederick, John Lovering, and Lawrence Wheeler, merchants of London.	To export 12 horses to Nantes, paying custom - - - - - -	83, 97	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To order the prize laden with iron, and brought into Harwich by the Laurel, to be sent up to Chatham, and after appraising her lading, to deliver it up for the use of the navy.	98	115
,, ,,	,, -	High Sheriff of Surrey.	To defer till further order the execution of Thos. Slany, adjudged to die for felony - -	99	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	For Phil. Kempsall to import some hawks, paying customs - - - -	93	—
,, 23	,, -	High Sheriff of co. Oxon.	To respite for a month the execution of John Southby, condemned to die for felony -	106	—
,, ,,	,, -	Marshal General Capt. Alsop.	To deliver to Edw. Bushell, Nath. Andrews, and others, on their petition, 120 Dutch prisoners, to man the ship they are setting forth.	83, 107	—
,, ,,	,, -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Lieut.-Col Kelsey, Governor of Dover Castle, 10 barrels of powder, 1 ton of match, and 10 pairs of wheels for culverins.	105, 108	—
,, ,,	,, -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Peter, laden with deals, and brought to Harwich for John King and Peter Blackborow, to come to London, they first offering the deals to the Admiralty Committee at market price.	108	—
,, 25	,,	,, -	To suffer Major Dan. Thomas and those with him, with their families, household goods, and tools, and a wagon and team of horses, to go to Ireland.	117	—
,, ,,	,, -	Commanders of ships.	To suffer Alex. Sandelands and Rob. Brison, merchants of Edinburgh, to carry from France to Scotland, in free bottoms, French goods not prohibited.	117	—
,, ,,	,, -	Sheriffs of counties	To receive and disperse the declarations of Parliament throughout their jurisdiction, and give an account to Council.	118	—
,, ,,	,, -	Pass - -	For Mrs. Wittypole, her man and maid, beyond seas - - - - -	110	—
,, 26	,, -	Capt. Marriott of the Discovery.	To repair to the fleet near the Texel, with the utmost speed, trying to get information to direct his voyage safely.	124	—
,, ,,	,, -	Keeper of Colchester Castle.	To receive and keep the prisoners lately taken at sea in safe custody, till further order -	124	—

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1653. July 27	C.O.S. -	Rice Vaughan -	To be prothonotary in cos. Denbigh and Montgomery, and receive the fees in the room of John Edisbury.	124, 130	—
„ „	„ -	To all concerned -	Confirmation of the grant by the Revenue Committee to Sam. Jones, of the keepership of Saulcy forest, in place of Edward Earl of Dorset, deceased.	131	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Col. Goffe 85 firelocks and bandoleer collars, in lieu of so many sent out of his regiment to sea.	132	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Nonsuch, appointed to convey home the Ambassador of the King of Portugal, to pass free of search or molestation.	133	—
„ „	„ -	Generals of the fleet, &c.	On petition of John Freeman, sen. and jun., to suffer the Neptune of Hamburg to pass to Nantes, and return to Hamburg before 1 Nov.	128, 133	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Edwin Buffkin to France - - - - - - - - -	128	—
„ 28	„ -	Commanders of ships and press-masters.	To permit the Smyrna merchant, lately come from the East Indies, to keep her company on board till she comes into Lee Road.	137	—
„ „	„ -	Capt. Dan, Mark Thomas, and Thos. Tutty, officers of a privateer.	To appear on petition of Wm. Humble and other merchants trading to France, to answer for contempt in not obeying an order to deliver the Good Time of Abbeville to the proprietors.	129, 139	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit M. de Bourdeaux, minister of the King of France, to transport 12 horses to France for Cardinal Mazarin.	139	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Excise -	To charge the 700*l.* due to Mr. Malbone for sick and wounded soldiers sent to Bath, on the growing receipts of Excise.	134	—
„ 29	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Major Thos. Parsons, for Col. Pride's regiment, 3 barrels of powder, 450 lbs. of match, 6 drums, and a barrel of musket shot.	147	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For John Southcot and his servant to France - - - - - -	146	—
„ 30	„ -	Edw. Deemich, captain of a privateer.	On petition of Rob. Gale and Thos. Ryder, merchants of London, to restore the St. Paul of Ostend, brought into Fowey and detained 6 weeks by them, or to show cause in 10 days.	153	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Dr. Colladon to transport 6 horses to France, custom free - - -	152	—
„ „	„ -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To take Mark Dormer, suspected to be a coiner, to Newgate, and deliver him to the keeper of the prison.	150, 152	—
„ „	„ -	Keeper of Newgate	To receive Walter Finch, Mat. Webb, Majors Fletcher and John Bishop, and — Carter, and keep them in custody on suspicion of coining.	152	—

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July 29.	C.O.S. -	All persons concerned.	To deliver up Rownar parsonage, co. Hants. to — Long, and allow him to exercise his ministry till further order. In case of refusal, the 2 nearest justices of the peace to put him in possession, Council hearing well of his fitness and ability.	153	—
Aug. 1	„ -	Pass - -	For Daniel Johnson beyond seas - - - - - - - - -	154	—
„ „	„ -	Serj. Dendy or Marshal - Gen. Capt. Roger Alsop.	To apprehend Sam. Massey, George and Rob. Chamberlain, Rich. Ballard, — Lambert, Wm. Prescot, John and Eliz. Seamine, Piercy Owen, Rob. Cobbett, John and Stephen Titus, John Kelson, and Rob. Reding, to answer objections against them.	158	—
„ 2	„ -	Pass - -	For Thomas Lord Windsor, with 3 servants and 2 horses, beyond seas, on his petition -	162	—
„ „	„ -	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Lettice as carpenter of the Fortune - - - - - -	—	117
„ 3	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Wm. Graves of London to transport to Barbary 3,000 birding pieces and 1,000 birding piece locks, paying customs, and giving security not to transport them where they will prejudice the State.	166	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For John King, merchant of London, on his petition, to import masts, pitch, tar, &c. in ships belonging to Denmark or Norway.	167, 169	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To allow the East India Company the customs due for the saltpetre delivered by them for the use of the State.	169	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the Lords Wm. Nieuport and Allard Peter Jongestall, deputies from the States General, to return to the Hague, with retinue, servants, baggage, &c.	170	—
„ 4	„ -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to Capt. Kelk the prize Abraham at Ratcliffe, to carry materials for the fortifications in Scotland, or do other service under direction of Col. Lilburne.	176	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For Capt. Solomon Bichot of the Florissant to sail to Cape de Verde and return, not prejudicing English shipping.	177	—
„ 6	„ -	Commanders of the Sampson, Great and Little Charity, Black Raven, Bristol, and Pearl.	To sail from Portsmouth to Southwold Bay - - - - - -	185	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For John Dixe to travel to foreign parts - - - - - - -	190	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Edw. Rice to go beyond seas - - - - - - - -	190, 194	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Johannes Borchloon and nine other [Dutch prisoners] to sail in the Concordia of London to Zealand.	191	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	At request of the Lords Deputies from the States General, for the Concordia of London, carrying home old men, boys, and sick and lame Dutch.	187, 192	—

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Aug. 6	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For John Blarru and Peter Desert, with servants and necessaries, to France - -	192	—
„ „	„ -	Marshal-General of the Army.	To set free Tys Jans, Maerten Ariens, and Jan Pieters Verbrugge, Dutch prisoners, at request of one of the Lord Deputies, M. Bevernyng.	193, 188	—
„ 8	„ -	Pass - -	For John Finch and one servant to travel beyond seas - - - - -	198	—
„ „	„ -	Postmasters on the Yarmouth road.	The fleet being on the northern coast, to have always a sufficient number of horses for dispatch of letters on the service.	199	—
„ 9	„ -	Capt. Godfrey of the Warwick.	To sail from the Downs to the fleet in Southwold Bay, and receive orders from the Generals	205	—
„ 10	„ -	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To allow the Ambassador extraordinary of the King of Portugal to land 19 chests of sugar, a box of sweetmeats, and a case of bottles of sweet water, free of customs and excise.	210, 130	—
„ „	„ -	John Edisbury -	To deliver to Rice Vaughan the records and writings belonging to the prothonotary's office of cos. Denbigh and Montgomery, he having a patent for the office.	210	—
„ 12	„ -	Pass - -	For Rob. Nursa to go beyond seas, engaging to do nothing to the prejudice of the State -	215	—
„ „	„ -	Governor of Upnor Castle.	To deliver 30 barrels of powder and 850 round shot for the use of the fleet - -	215, 216	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Col. John Barkstead 150 muskets, 50 pikes, 4 drums, and 8 halberts, to arm 2 companies of 100 each, to be raised to guard the Tower.	215	—
„ 13	„ -	Col. John Barkstead.	To receive into custody Col. Philips, Nich. Dowthayt, and Geo. Thompson, and keep them in the Tower for treason.	219	—
„ 15	„ -	Pass - -	For a Hamburg ship to trade to any port in France, and return to Hamburg or Dunkirk	223	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For 4 Swedish vessels to fish in the Narrow seas, and upon the coasts of this State, at request of Lord Lagerfeldt, minister of the Queen of Sweden.	224	—
„ 16	„ -	Governor of Arundel Castle.	To deliver to the Admiralty Commissioners, for the navy, all the great guns and shot in or near the castle.	232	118
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Ladies Mary and Ellinor Hollis, with Mary Deborders and Kath. Washington, to Utrecht.	227	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For John Lovell and Corn. Biscop to go to foreign parts and return - - -	228	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Ant. Craven and servant beyond seas - - - - - - -	231	—
„ 17	„ -	[Sheriffs of counties, &c.]	To receive and publish in the several parishes in their jurisdiction, the declaration of Parliament for a day of public thanksgiving.	239	—
„ „	„ -	Commander of the Nonsuch.	To convoy to Harwich the vessels in Tilbury Hope laden with provisions for the fleet, and one laden with ammunition for Scotland, and return to the Thames for orders.	237, 240	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	For the Elizabeth of London to go to Lisbon with 6 men, and return, free from impress -	240	—
„ „	„ -	Lieutenant of the Tower.	To receive Walter Slingsby and Col. Pinchback prisoners for treason - - -	241	—

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Aug. 17	C.O.S. -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive Rich. Moone prisoner, for selling and publishing seditious books - -	241	—
„ 18	„ -	Pass - -	For Thos. Hope, of Craighall, Scotland, with a servant, to travel beyond seas, carrying with him 2 geldings, custom free.	244	—
„ 19	„ -	„ - -	For Wm. Dormer, gent., to foreign parts - - - - - - -	248	—
„ „	„ -	Lieut. of the Tower	To keep close Col. Phillips, and the rest of the gentlemen committed with him - -	248	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Col. Ingoldsby 2 barrels of powder, with match and bullet, for his foot regiment.	253	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For Thos. Gravest, gunsmith of London, to export 3,000 birding pieces and 1,000 birding piece locks, paying customs, and giving security to take them to Barbary.	254	—
„ 22	„ -	Pass - -	For Fras. Coventry and servant beyond seas - - - - - -	258	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Mr. Stradling to go over to Ireland - - - - - - -	258	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For the agent of the Prince of Condé to transport for the Prince 12 horses, custom free -	261	—
„ 23	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Lieut.-Col. Biscoe 120 pikes, 210 firelocks, and 220 collars of bandoleers, for the recruits of Sir Wm. Constable's regiment.	266	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For the Earl of Clanrickard to stay in England two months longer, on his request, he not having yet despatched his business in order to his going beyond seas.	267	—
„ 24	„ -	Pass - -	For Lady Ormond to go over to Ireland - - - - - - -	269	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For John Burroughs to go beyond seas - - - - - -	271	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For Benj. Lannoy, merchant of London, to export 2 geldings, paying customs - -	276	—
„ „	„ -	Commanders of the Old Warwick and Pearl.	To sail to Plymouth, and join the ships there in clearing the coast from the enemy and from pirates.	271	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Spanish Ambassador to ship from London, and export custom free, 24 chests of pictures, hangings, and household stuff for his own use.	276	—
„ „	„ -	„ „ -	Not to permit any prohibited goods to be imported on Council warrants, except those useful for shipping.	274	—
„ „	„ -	License - -	For John Pecket, merchant of Hull, on his petition for other merchants there trading to Norway, to import masts, timber, tar, cordage, &c. for the navy, in ships of Denmark or Norway.	277	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Col. Fitch 27 pieces of ordnance, and 50 barrels of powder, &c., to be by him shipped for Inverness.	277	—
„ „	Comrs. of Great Seal.	Jas. Goodin and Capt. Ralph Hutton.	To discharge the White Dove, taken by the John under letters of marque against the French and Hollanders, she belonging to merchants of Emden.	—	119
„ 29	C.O.S. -	Keeper of Morpeth Prison.	To deliver Rob. Armstrong of the Side and Wm. Johnston, *alias* Weston, to Hen. Witherington, to be sent to Jedburgh, in Scotland, for trial.	301	—

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„ „	„	Protection	On petition of the bailiffs of Yarmouth, for the fishermen of those parts from impress, during the fishing season.	305	—
„ 30	„	Col. John Berkstead.	To distribute 931*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* received by him amongst the labourers of the Tower, according to the directions of Council.	304	—
„ „	„	„	To deliver — Dowthwaite and — Hart, prisoners, to the keeper of Newgate, and Col. Pinchbeck to the keeper of the Gatehouse.	305 } 301 }	—
„ „	„	Keepers of Newgate and the Gatehouse.	To receive the said prisoners	305	—
„ 31	„	Pass	For Henry, Charles, Edward, Francis, and Bernard Howard, with their servants, to travel into foreign parts.	308	—
„ „	„	License	For Jas. Medici to transport 100 horses, value not more than 20*l.* each, for the King of Portugul, paying customs.	313	—
„ „	„	„	For Francis Sousa Countinie, Portuguese Ambassador in France, to transport for his own use, from Holland to France, 10 coach horses.	312	—
„ „	„	Col. Barkstead	To receive Wm. Baldwyn, and keep him in safe custody	312	—
„ „	„	Commanders of the Drake and Hare.	To convoy the ships at Gravesend ready for Dunkirk, and bring back those bound for London.	312	—
Sept. 2	„	Lieutenant of the Tower.	To discharge Balthazar Cuick van Meteren, if only under restraint for what is mentioned in his commitment warrant.	327	—
„ „	„	Governor of Hull	To deliver on order of the Admiralty Committee 5,500 shot for the navy	327	—
„ „	„	License	For John Gould, Chas. Thorold, and Moses Goodyear, merchants, to import in 9 months, in 3 French ships, the salt they need for pilchard fishing, and to export pilchards in those ships to France.	328	—
„ 5	„	Serjeant-at-arms	To apprehend Major Fry, *alias* Stevens, and bring him before Council, and in case of opposition, to break open doors, and to search for papers of public concern.	336	—
„ „	„	License	For Don Antonio de Ponte Castilla Gusman to export an English horse to Teneriffe, paying customs.	337	—
„ „	„	Ordnance officers	To deliver to Col. Goffe 50 muskets, 50 firelocks, 60 pikes, 250 bandoleers' collars, and 10 drums, towards arming 30 recruits of his regiment.	337	—
„ 6	„	Pass	For Balthazar van Meteren to foreign parts	338	—
„ „	„	Hen. le Wair, Covent Garden, John Page and John Lewis, Clement Danes.	To appear before the Committee of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, to answer matters objected against them.	341	—

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1653. Sept. 6.	C.O.S. -	Capt. Hatten, or others concerned.	To release the St. George of Hamburg, taken by him, and brought into Dover, with the nuns, priests, and other persons and goods taken in her.	341	—
„ 7	„ -	Passes - - -	For the Black Raven and 5 other ships of Stockholm, 1 of Wismar, 1 of Staden, and 1 of Buxtehowe, from any port of Sweden to any port of England.	349	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Rich. Hincksman and Step. Trevill, merchants of London, to import quantities specified of pitch, tar, masts, deals, pipe-staves, cable yarn, &c., from any port in Sweden.	350	—
„ 8	„ -	Keeper of the Wardrobe at Hampton Court.	To deliver to Sir Gilb. Pickering the pictures called the Triumphs of Cæsar, to be used for taking copies of them, and then returned.	354	—
„ 9	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant a privateer's commission to Capt. John Totterill, of the Content of Bristol, bound for the Caribbee Islands, for this voyage only.	356	—
„ 10	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	For Hieronimo Radziciowski, the Vice-Chancellor of Poland, to go with 8 followers, household goods, &c. to foreign parts.	362	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To permit him to transport 13 horses custom free - - - - -	361	—
„ 12	„ -	Keeper of the Gate-house.	To receive — Streeter, committed for publishing seditious pamphlets, and keep him prisoner.	366	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	For the Poor's Relief, and 2 other busses, set out by the corporation of the poor of London, to proceed on the fishing voyage with 12 men each, free from impress.	366	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the St. George of Hamburg, freighted with priests and nuns in France for the King of Poland, to Poland.	366	—
„ 13	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To bring up John Whetenhall in safe custody to answer objections - - - -	367	—
„ „	„ -	John Whetenhall, Hankilow, co. Chester.	To appear before Council in 10 days' after sight, to answer objections - - -	371	—
„ 14	„ -	Pass - -	For Wm. Smithis to travel to foreign parts - - - - - -	374	—
„ „	„ -	Commander of the Drake.	To take in charge 3 ships, and convoy them to the mouth of the Seine, bringing back English vessels ready to return.	375	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Rich. Winn to transport 150 tods of wool to Guernsey and Alderney on the usual terms, and on security not to carry it elsewhere.	375	—
„ 15	„ -	License - -	For Col. Edw. O'Dwyer to transport 3,000 Irishmen to Flanders - - - -	376	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For the Success, with 40 men, and the Agreement and Two Brothers, 30 each, to go from England to Ireland, and carry the said men to Flanders, for the service of the King of Spain.	378	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	On petition of Sam. Everard and others, to allow the Endeavour of London to proceed on her intended voyage.	376 379	—

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„ 17	„	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To take into custody John Clowes and Rob. Austin, for printing a libellous paper called "A Charge against the Lord General."	382	—
„ 19	„	Pass	For John Wyburn, of Hawkwell, Kent, beyond seas	385	—
„ „	„	Ordnance officers	To deliver to Col. Thos. Fitch, Governor of Inverness, a double gynn and gynn rope to mount ordnance, 4 standing carriages, 400 minion round shot, and 6 waggons, for better supply and defence of that garrison.	387	—
„ „	„	„	To deliver to Col. Thos. Pride 300 firelock muskets, 100 pikes, 200 bandoleers, and 3 drums, for his regiment.	389	—
„ „	„	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Commissioners for Prize Goods to land the lading of the Neptune, for preservation of the goods, as the vessel is leaky.	389	—
„ „	„	„	To permit Col. Thos. Fitch to ship on the Sun and carry to Inverness, custom free, tar, pitch, sails, rope, butter, soap, rice, leather for boots and shoes, and sundry boxes of wearing clothes for the garrison at Inverness, and for his regiment in Scotland.	388	—
„ „	„	Pass	For the said vessel and the goods from London to Inverness	388	—
„ 20	„	Commanders of 2 ships of war at Weymouth.	To take on board money there for pay of the forces at Jersey and Guernsey, convoy it thither, and bring back from Guernsey to Portsmouth or the Thames 2 old brass guns, to be delivered them by the Governor.	392	—
„ „	„	Comrs. for Dutch prizes.	To deliver to Adam Jennings, merchant of London, 2 Dutch prizes, fit for fetching masts and deals, in lieu of 2 Danish vessels before ordered.	392	—
„ „	„	Protection	For John Philips from impress, on his petition, he being maimed in the service, and belonging to the tapestry works at Mortlake, which is a manufacture to be encouraged.	391	—
„ „	„	Master and wardens of the Stationers' Company.	To search for 2 almanacks now printing by Geo. Wharton and John FitzSmith, containing matter scandalous to Government, and bring them to Council, making seizure of the whole impression.	393, 390	—
„ 21	„	Pass	For John Seymour and John Richard, with 2 servants, beyond seas	394	—
„ 22	„	Adm. Judges	To grant a privateer's commission to John Hughes of the Amity, bound for Virginia	396	—
„ „	„	Comrs. for sale of Prize Goods.	To deliver to Dan. Crafford, on his petition, a prize ship, at the value appraised	396, 398	—
„ 23	„	License	To the deputies from Bordeaux to import, customs' free, 300 tuns of French wines	400	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Edward Hawthorne as steward of the Sovereign	—	120
„ „	C.O.S.	Jas. Freeze, gent., of London.	Commission to be master of the hospital of St. Katherine's, near the Tower, an experienced person being requisite to regulate abuses; all the writings, &c. to be delivered him, without defacing or embezzling.	401	—
„ 24	„	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Oliver Bowles, merchant of London, to land a ton of groceries, imported by virtue of a former warrant, before its recalling.	406	—

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„ 27	„	Adm. Judges	To give a privateer's commission to Rob. Yeoman of Bristol, for the Robert, bound on a trading voyage.	416	—
„ „	„	„	To give a privateer's commission to Gab. Deane and Thos. Speed of Bristol, for the Richard and Mary bound on a trading voyage.	416	—
„ „	„	„	To give a privateer's commission to Maj. Sam. Clerke of Bristol, for the Hart, bound on a trading voyage.	417	—
„ „	„	„	To give a privateer's commission to Rich. Stephens of Bristol, for the Jane, bound on a trading voyage.	417	—
„ „	„	„	To give a privateer's commission to Thos. Leigh of Bristol, for the Elizabeth, bound on a trading voyage.	418	—
„ „	„	Protection	For the Sarah to proceed on her voyage to the Canaries with 20 mariners, free from impress.	419	—
„ „	„	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To permit the Portuguese Ambassador Extraordinary to land 20 chests of sugar from the James, custom free.	420	—
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„ 29	„	Adm. Judges	To grant a privateer's commission to Thos. Bendish of the Adventure	9	—
„ „	„	Customs' Comrs.	To permit John Billingsley to transport himself, wife, 2 children, a man and a maid servant, a case of hangings, rugs, and blankets, and 4 trunks to Sweden, they carrying nothing prejudicial to the State.	10	—
„ 30	„	Viscount Lisle	To deliver to Dan. Earle, for Ambassador Whitelock, the coach and harness and liveries provided by him for his embassy to Sweden.	3, 24	—
„ „	„	[Serjeant-at-arms]	To apprehend — Royston and — Dod of Ivy Lane, and — Thomlins of Pye Corner, and bring them before Council to answer objections.	22	—
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Oct. 1	„	„	To apprehend Wm. Rand, of Bride's parish, search his house for scandalous papers lately printed, and bring him and them before Council.	26	—
„ „	„	„	Like warrant to apprehend Thomas Lock	31	—
„ „	„	„	„ „ „ [Rob.] Hanham; ordered 4 Oct. to bear date 1 Oct.	38	—
„ „	„	Pass	For the Elephant to transport to Holland 150 Dutch prisoners, to be exchanged for English prisoners now in the Netherlands.	31	—
„ 3	„	Carew Harvey Mildmay.	To bring in to Council the late King's great Bible with rich bosses, in his custody	34, 35	—
„ „	„	Ordnance officers	To deliver to Commissary Fowler arms, tools, and ordnance stores, &c. in a long list annexed, for the army in Scotland.	35, 36	—
„ „	Gen. Monk	Navy Comrs.	To enter Robert Browne as cook of the Swiftsure	—	1
„ 4	„	„	„ Stephen Pearce as boatswain of the Pelican prize	—	2
„ „	„	„	„ Peter Graytrick as carpenter of the Augustine	—	3

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1653. Oct. 4	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow John Blarru Desert, deputy from Bordeaux, to import 80 tuns of French wine for his own use, paying customs and excise. 4 and 7 Oct.	43 } 59 }	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Like order for Peter Desert or Wilderness for 80 tuns. 4 and 7 Oct. - - -	43–49	—
„ „	„ -	Passes - -	For the ships importing the said wines - - - - - - - -	43	—
„ 5	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend and bring Mrs. Larner before a Committee of Council, to be examined about public matters laid to her charge.	44	—
„ „	„ -	Keeper of Newgate	To receive Thos. Locke and Hen. Barnes prisoners for printing and publishing seditious books and pamphlets.	48	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant privateers' commissions to — Wheatley of the John, and John Green of the Dolphin, trading to Jersey, Guernsey, and Ireland.	45	—
„ „	Gen. Monk	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Antho. Colwick as steward of the Primrose - - - - - -	—	4
„ 6	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For the Hope of Dieppe, returning from Martinique and Guadaloupe, driven in to Padstow, and seized and acquitted by the Admiralty Court, to return to France.	53	—
„ 7	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Dr. Lambermont to import 40 tuns of French wine for his own use, paying customs and excise.	58, 59	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the ship importing the said wines - - - - - - - -	59	—
„ „	„ -	Pass and protection	For the St. Peter of Olonne, France, driven into Bristol water on her voyage from Lisbon to Rouen, to go to Rouen.	58	—
„ 8	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Peter du Brun to import 100 tuns of French wine, paying customs - -	62	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the vessel importing the wine - - - - - - - - -	63	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Peter Rossart van Brugge, in the St. Nicholas, to take to Holland 100 Dutch prisoners, released on exchange.	63	—
„ 10	Gen. Monk	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Goodfellow as steward of the Resolution, in the place of Nich. Crane transferred to the Swiftsure.	—	5
„ „	C.O.S. -	License - -	For John Freeman and Rich. Tallifeire to export hemp, tar, masts, &c. to Scotland -	67	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to the Admiralty Commissioners prize ships and goods not yet condemned, after being valued, when there is a pressing need for them.	67, 69	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Sir Hen. Lee, Fras. Lee, John Godfrey, and 2 servants, beyond seas - - -	70	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Jas. Forbes of Scotland, — Mowat, and Rob. Hay, beyond seas - - -	73	—
„ „	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend Nich. Reader of Norwich, and bring him before Council to answer his contempt in refusing to appear on a former summons.	72	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Col. Fras. Gamul, now beyond seas, to return and peaceably reside - - -	73	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For Sir Chas. Shelley to foreign parts - - - - - - -	79	—
„ 11	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To search for scandalous papers now printing or printed, and bring them to Council -	77	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To grant privateers' commissions to the Dart and Allopien, trading to the Straits - -	78	—
„ „	Gens. Blake and Monk.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Wm. Hayes as clerk of the check in the Lion - - - - -	—	6

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„ „	C.O.S. -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend — Huby and bring him before Council, to answer objections - -	83	—
„ „	„	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Ambassador Whitelock to export horses and necessaries, on his embassy to Sweden.	88	—
„ „	„ -	— Talby - -	To deliver to Whitelock the 2 travelling coaches, harness, and sumpter cloth in his custody	88	—
„ „	, -	Wm. Legg, keeper of State's wardrobe.	To deliver to Dan. Earle beds, carpets, tapestry, linen, furniture, arms, and plate specified in two lists annexed, for Ambassador Whitelock.	89	—
„ „	„ -	Passes - -	For 3 ships with Dutch prisoners to Holland, and for 2 Dutch ships to bring back English prisoners thence.	87	—
„ 13	„ -	Pass - -	For the St. Anne, from Rotterdam to Exeter, on petition of Thos. and Rich. Ford, merchants of London and Exeter.	90, 93	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Ambrose Goodwin to transport to Portugal 1,000 qrs. of wheat, provided the price of wheat does not exceed 3s. a bushel.	93, 102	—
„ „	Gens. Monk and Blake.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Christ. Consett as clerk of the check in the Raven - - - -	—	8
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Swan as gunner in the Swiftsure - - - - - -	—	9
„ 14	„ -	„ -	„ Wm. Plasted as carpenter of the Paragon - - - - -	—	10
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Saml. Bale as cook of the Great President - - - - -	—	11
„ 15	Gen. Monk	John Gibbs -	To take charge of the Diamond as master - - - - - - -	—	12
„ „	„ -	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Robert Woodward as steward of the Swiftsure - - - - -	—	13
„ „	C.O.S. -	„ -	„ Paul Seymor as boatswain of the Portsmouth frigate - - - -	—	14
„ „	„ -	Wm. Legg, keeper of the wardrobe.	To deliver to Dan. Earle for Ambassador Whitelock the naked boys suit of hangings in 7 pieces.	112	—
„ „	„ -	— Talby - -	„ „ „ the blue damask coach, in lieu of the two travelling coaches before ordered.	112	—
„ 16	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To make out a bill for 40*l.* to John Fowler, advocate to the fleet, in consideration of wounds received in an engagement with the Dutch on 2 June last, also a bill for his pay and entertainment as advocate at 5*s.* 8*d.* per diem.	—	15
„ „	Gens. Monk and Blake.	„ -	To enter Thos. Kingswell as carpenter in the Assurance - - - - -	—	16
„ 17	C.O.S. -	Adm. Judges -	To give a privateer's commission, for one trading voyage only, to Capt. Brown Thomas of London, for the Wheel of Fortune.	119	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Like order for Capt. John Bowrey of London, for the Hope of London, bound on a trading voyage to Leghorn.	119	—
„ 18	Gens. Blake and Monk.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Jas. Larimore as carpenter, John Hall as boatswain, Peter Couch as gunner, and Thos. Faithful as steward in the ship now being built by Mr. Castle.	—	17–20
„ „	„ -	„ -	To enter John Clifton as clerk of the check in the George - - - - -	—	21

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„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Theo. Secheverell as clerk of the check in the Portsmouth frigate - -	—	23
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Rich. Wilford to foreign parts - - - - - - - -	122	—
„ 19	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	Not to suffer any vessels to leave the port of London - - - - -	131 } 132 }	—
„ „	Gens. Blake and Monk.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Edw. Smith as gunner of the Reserve - - - - - -	—	24
„ 20	C.O.S. -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Major Thos. Parsons 3 barrels of powder, 1 of shot, and 250 bandoleer collars, for Col. Thos. Pride's regiment.	137	—
„ „	Gens. Monk and Blake.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Stevens as carpenter of the Worcester - - - - -	—	25
„ „	„ -	License - -	For the Earl of Clanrickard to remain three months longer in England after 18 Oct. when his former license ends, that he may prepare for his transport beyond seas.	138	—
„ „	„ -	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Moses Harding as gunner of the Swan - - - - - -	—	26
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Timothy Elwick as steward of the Mary Rose - - - - -	—	27
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Watkins as boatswain of the Tiger - - - - -	—	28
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Wm. Dixon as gunner of the Princess Mary - - - - -	—	29
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Edw. Johnson as clerk of the check in the Triumph - - - -	—	30
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Nathan Ellis as cook in the frigate now being built by Mr. Castle - -	—	31
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Hall as boatswain of the Worcester frigate - - - -	—	32
„ 21	„ -	„ -	„ Jno. Kid as clerk of the check and Hen. Pardo as boatswain in the Tulip -	—	33, 34
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Swettnam as steward of the Bear - - - - - -	—	35
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Rich. Bull as steward of the Convert - - - - - -	—	36
„ „	C.O.S. -	Serjeant Dendy -	To apprehend Mrs. Clowes, Geo. Horton, John Perkins, Isaac Grey, and Thos. Spring, and bring them before Council to answer objections.	144	—
„ 22	Gens. Blake and Monk.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter James Rosier as steward of the Raven - - - - - -	—	37
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Edw. Milburne as steward of the Thomas and Lucy - - - -	—	38
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ John Fortescue as gunner of the Vanguard - - - - -	—	39
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Lord Conway to Flanders, on engagement to do nothing prejudicial to the present Government.	145	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To lay a general embargo and allow no vessel to leave any ports till further order - -	148 } 150 }	—
„ 24	Gens. Blake and Monk.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Robert Lanson as carpenter of the Bear - - - - - -	—	40
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Northey as clerk of the check in the Convert - - - -	—	41

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,, ,,	C.O.S.	Adm. Judges	To grant letters for privateers to 9 ships named, bound on a trading voyage	160	—
,, ,,	,,	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend Major Alflet, Mr. Gutherson, and Thacker, and bring them before Council to answer objections.	163	—
,, ,,	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Jas. Medicis to export 100 horse, paying 100*l.* customs; granted him for good service by land and sea.	163	—
,, 26	,,	Pass	For Alex. Burnet of Aberdeen, and And. Mitchell to France	165	—
,, ,,	,,	Ordnance officers	To deliver to Quartermaster Alkington a barrel of powder, with match and bullet, for Sir Wm. Constable's regiment.	168	—
,, ,,	Gen. Monk	Navy Comrs.	To enter Robert Gale as steward of the Great President	—	43
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Robert Codham as boatswain of the Paul	—	44
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John Hudleston as steward of the Paragon	—	45
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John Chilman as steward of the Duchess	—	46
,, 27	,,	,,	,, Thomas Jewitt as cook of the Marmaduke	—	47
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Simon Arrowsmith as clerk of the check in the frigate now being built by Mr. Castle.	—	48
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Mark Mullock as cook in the Duchess	—	49
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John Simson as gunner in the Great President	—	50
,, ,,	C.O.S.	Lancelot Emot	To apprehend Geo. Freeman, Wm. Lenthall, Rob. Long, and Thos. Saunderson, and bring them before Council to answer objections.	178	—
,, 28	,,	Serjeant-at-arms	To apprehend Elmore, a draper, Kings Head, Paul's Churchyard, and bring him before Council this afternoon.	180	—
,, ,,	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the coffers, trunks, &c. of Heers Nieuport and Jongestall, deputies from the States General, to be landed free of customs, search, &c.	185	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	To permit the Maidstone merchant to proceed to Maidstone, the late embargo notwithstanding.	186	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Like order to permit the Mermaid, and 2 other vessels of Bruges, to pass to Sandwich and Faversham.	186	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Like order for 18 Hull, 4 Ipswich, and 2 Yarmouth vessels to pass homeward	184, 187	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Like order for 8 Swedish ships bound for the Straits and Sweden	183	—
,, 29	,,	,,	Like order for the John of Newcastle, bound for Leith with cables, hawsers, &c. for the State.	192	—
,, 31	,,	Pass	For the John and Abigail, with provisions for the service of Ireland	199	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, St. Francis of Hamburg to France, for canvas for the navy, and back	199, 200	—

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„ „	„	„	„ John Woolger as master carpenter in the frigate building at Blackwall	—	52
„ „	„	„	„ John Towes as steward of the Worcester	—	53
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Nov. 3	C.O.S.	Customs' officers of Lynn and Wisbeach.	To allow vessels to pass between those ports, the embargo notwithstanding	6	—
„ 4	„	Pass	For Lord Lagerfeldt, public minister of Sweden, to return home	10	—
„ „	„	Customs' Comrs.	To permit him to export 6 horses custom free	10	—
„ „	„	„	„ „ his trunks, baggage, &c.	11	—
„ „	„	Prize Goods' Comrs.	To deliver to him for the Queen of Sweden, a pair of harpsicalls, lutes, and other instruments, music books, an image of 2 boys wrestling, a cabinet of strong waters, bag of balloting balls, and boxes of washing balls.	11	—
„ 5	„	Adm. Judges	To issue commissions for privateers, on petition of Edw. Keeling, merchant of London, for the Concord and 9 other ships of London and Dover, bound to Leith, Dublin, the Canaries, Ostend, Kinsale, Waterford, the West Indies, New England, and the Straits.	15	—
„ „	„	Comrs. of Customs	To suffer the St. Jacob of Rostick to pass, the embargo notwithstanding, provided she has no English mariners save one pilot.	15	—
„ 7	„	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend Jos. Sawier, apprentice at the 3 Crowns, Poultry, and bring him before Council.	24	—
„ „	„	„	To keep in custody Nich. Reader of Ipswich, until he put in security to perform the order of Council for contempt of which he was committed.	25	—
„ „	„	Comrs. of Customs	To permit 15 Norway ships named to pass, on a report from the Admiralty Committee, provided they have no English, Irish, or Scotch mariners.	22, 24	—
„ 9	„	„	To permit the Anne of Swansea, to pass from Bristol to the Scilly Isles	42	—
„ „	„	„	„ Swan „ „ Swansea „	42	—
„ „	„	„	„ King of Poland to pass with 23 men, the embargo notwithstanding	42	—
„ „	„	Adm. Judges	To discharge the Florissant and her lading from further proceedings, Council being satisfied concerning the matter charged against her.	42	—
„ „	„	Pass	For Fras. Langdon and servant, to return to England on security to the secretary of Council not to act to the prejudice of the commonwealth.	37	—
„ 10	„	Adm. Judges	To discharge the Noah's Ark from further proceedings in the Admiralty Court, on report from the Admiralty Judges, and hearing Sir Jas. Hope.	47, 45	—
„ „	„	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to Rear-Admiral Lawson 2 prize flutes or fly-boats now at Scarborough, at the appraised value, in lieu of 2 busses ordered him by the late Council.	47	—

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1653. Nov. 10	C.O.S. -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to Hen. Herbert, and Rich. Kilsick, a prize buss of the value of theirs which was lost, being pressed for the service.	48	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the Stork, bound with ammunition for the forces in Ireland - - - -	47	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Fisher of Stralsund, Sweden, to go to Dantzic, the embargo notwithstanding, on report of the Admiralty Committee that she is to import hemp and pipe-staves for the State.	48 } 44 }	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	To permit Capt. John Backert of the Middleburg to take on board 16 pipes of English beer, and pass to Holland.	51 } 49 }	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the said ship to Holland - - - - - - - -	51	—
„ 12	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit 4 ships to pass from Chester to Liverpool or Dublin, the embargo notwithstanding	54	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To permit Charles Hawkins to go with cattle and necessaries to Ireland in one of the said ships.	54	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver to Col. Ingoldsby, 9 barrels of powder, 150 snaphance muskets, and 50 pikes for his regiment.	54	—
„ 13	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Hopewell of London to pass to Inverness, with ammunition for the army in Scotland, the embargo notwithstanding.	57	—
„ 14	„ -	„ -	To permit Sir Kenelm Digby to return from France to England, on his petition, on condition that he appear before Council within 10 days of his arrival, and give security to do nothing prejudicial.	65	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To permit the Hope of Koningsberg, Peter of Stralsund, and Salvadore of Sandenburg, to pass to Dantzic, being foreign ships manned with strangers, the embargo notwithstanding.	66	—
„ „	„ -	Marshal - General Alsop.	To discharge Cornelius Eversen and John de Haes, late captains in the Dutch fleet, on their petition, that they may return to their own country.	63 } 66 }	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Portuguese Ambassador Extraordinary to import 12 chests of sugar, 2 boxes of sweet waters, 2 of fruits and sweetmeats, and a musk cat, for the use of his family, free of custom and excise.	67	—
„ „	Gen. Monk -	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Lawrence Stannanah as clerk of the check, and John North as steward in the new frigate now building by Capt. Taylor.	—	54, 55
„ 15	C.O.S. -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to Major Bourne 2 prize flutes at the appraised rate, instead of 2 busses, formerly ordered him.	63	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs in Chester.	To permit the ship taken up in Chester water to sail to the Isle of Man with soldiers, the general embargo notwithstanding.	64	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the Hope of Housrum to sail to Hamburg, having only foreigners on board -	64	—
„ 16	„ -	„ -	To suffer John Haskell to export 40 tods of wool for the inhabitants of Jersey - -	73	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To suffer all vessels stopped by the late embargo of 22 Oct. to depart, Council having thought it necessary to take off the same.	73	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Mrs. Honor Harding and 2 maids beyond seas - - - - - -	69	—

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„ „	„ -	Capt. Roger Alsop	To discharge Geo. Mole, now in custody - - - - - - - -	79	—
„ 18	„ -	Pass - -	For the St. George of Hamburg, freighted in France with 20 priests, women, and other passengers for the King of Poland, to Poland.	79, 84	—
„ „	„ -	Sheriffs of London	To deliver to Serj. Dendy Major Rob. Thorpe, to be disposed of by Council's directions	84	—
„ „	„ -	Lieut. of the Tower	To receive Thorpe, committed on information of his having practised a very great fraud to the prejudice of the commonwealth.	84, 82	—
„ „	[Gen. Monk]	Capt. Wm. Vesey -	To sail with the Martin frigate in company with Capt. Rich. Newbery, commander of the Laurel, and observe his orders.	—	56
„ „	„ -	Capt. John White	To sail with the Mathias with the above, and observe the same orders - - -	—	57
„ 19	C.O.S. -	Keeper of the Gate-house.	To deliver up Geffry Brown and Wm. Brent - - - - - -	88	—
„ „	„ -	Governor of Chester Castle.	To receive and keep them till some ship of war arrive, and then to deliver them to the commander.	88	—
„ „	„ -	Commander of any ship of war.	To receive them, transport them to Dublin, and deliver them to the Commissioners of Parliament or the High Court of Justice there.	88	—
„ „	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To restore to the King of Spain, on report from the Committee for Foreign Affairs, the wools taken out of several ships and claimed by the sons of Sir Peter Richaut, Council having ordered full restitution, and all proceedings against them to be forborne. Confirmed, 24 Nov.	86, 88, 109	—
„ „	„ -	Col. Berkstead, Lieut. of the Tower.	To cause all the great guns at Leadenhall and other places to be drawn to the Tower for their better security, the Ordnance officers to receive them by inventory from the Lord Mayor.	88	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Wm. Humble, stationer of London, on his petition, to import 31 bales of globes and 3 packets of maps, the Act of Navigation notwithstanding.	88	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	To permit the Portuguese Ambassador to take 20 chests of sugar from the Valentine, without customs or excise, being for his own use.	88	—
„ „	„ -	Officers of Plymouth Port.	To free the St. Anne of St. Sebastian, lately brought to Plymouth, and allow her to proceed with all her lading, &c.	88	—
„ 23	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Joan Sharp, on her petition, to export to any parts in amity, 700 barrels of north country butter, value not more than 4*d.* a pound.	102, 104	—
„ „	„ -	Protection -	For the St. John Baptist of Hamburg, to Bordeaux, and thence to Scotland, on petition of Wm. Kiffin, Jas. Burkin, &c.	104(2)	—
„ 24	„ -	Doctor Walker, advocate, and David Badd, proctor.	To free the St. John of Dieppe from further proceedings in the Admiralty Court - -	105, 109	—

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„ 25	„	Pass	For the Samuel, Lamb, and King David, carrying Dutch prisoners released on exchange, from London to the United Provinces.	109, 115	—
„ „	„	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Lord Lagerfelt to export for the Queen of Sweden the musical instruments, &c. named in the warrant of 4 Nov.	116	—
„ 26	„	License	For John Somes, huntsman, to transport to France 14 couples of hounds	117	—
„ 28	„	Governor of Dover Castle.	To stay the Fortune of Plymouth privateer until Capt. Fitch, the commander, appear before the Irish and Scotch Committee to answer objections.	128	—
„ „	„	Pass	For Frances and John Bluett, and a servant to France	123	—
„ „	„	„	For the Little Peter of Rochelle, to and from Rochelle to Bristol, with salt, vinegar, French spirits, pitch, tar, canvas, and paper, on petition of And. Kirby, of Bristol.	128, 129	—
„ „	„	Major-Gen. Harrison, Ald. Tichborne, and Lieut.-Col. [Thomson].	To return to the Tower the arms delivered them out of the Tower stores for arming their 3 regiments of foot. [*See p. 447 infrà.*]	129	—
„ „	„	Ordnance officers	To receive the said arms delivered for the regiments of Harrison, Tichborne, and Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood.	129	—
„ 29	„	Pass and protection	For the Supply of Hull from London to Hull, with 9 men and a boy	135	—
„ „	„	Customs' Comrs.	To permit the Navy Victuallers, on their petition, to export, custom free, victuals provided for the fleet, which are decayed and unfit for their use.	135, 133	—
„ „	Gen. Monk	Navy Comrs.	To enter Rob. Cobb as gunner of the Raven	—	57*a*
„ 30	C.O.S.	License	On petition of Edw. Spencer, for him to reside with his family beyond seas a year after the end of his license of 18 Dec. last.	140	—
„ „	„	Capt. Roger Alsop	To set at liberty all the company of the Love of Copenhagen, now in his custody at Greenwich, on petition of Hen. Johnson, captain.	137, 141	—
„ „	„	Pass	For Edw. Conway, Anne his lady, Fras. Finch, Dr. Ridgley, and 3 servants, Sarah Bennet, Fred. Houbert, and Nich. Bally, beyond seas.	139	—
Dec. 1	„	Pass	For Hubert Van Gageldone beyond seas	148	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter William Jones as clerk of the check, Thos. Wells as gunner, and Fras. Collins as cook in the Dover frigate.	—	58–60
„ „	„	„	To enter William Rand as clerk of the check in the Preston	—	61
„ „	„	„	„ Rich. Bernard as gunner in the Winsbie frigate	—	62
„ „	„	„	„ Hen. Framingham as boatswain in the Gainsborough	—	63
„ „	„	„	„ Thos. Seamore as boatswain in the Pearl	—	64
„ „	C.O.S.	Pass	For a ship with Dutch prisoners to the Netherlands	155	—
„ 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Theop. Secheverell as clerk of the check, and Rich. Light as steward, in the Plymouth frigate.	—	65, 66

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1653. Dec. 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Rich. Nettles as steward in the Preston - - - - - -	—	67
„ 3	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit M. Barrière to export from Dover 12 horses free of all duties, for the Prince of Condé.	164	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Laud as steward in the Bridgewater - - - -	—	68
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Geo. Taylor as clerk of the check in the Merlin - - - - -	—	69
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ John Greene as clerk of the check at Deptford Yard, void by the resignation of Nath. Terne.	—	70
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ John Packwood as clerk of the check at Woolwich Yard, in the room of Mr. Sheldon, discharged for misdemeanours.	—	71
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	On petition of John Houblon, merchant of London, for the Concord between France and England, carrying no prohibited goods.	164	—
„ 5	„ -	Comrs. for Customs and Excise.	To permit Johannes Jacobus Stockharm, agent from Switzerland, to import 20 tuns of wine free of customs and excise.	162	
„ „	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend and bring John Spittlehouse before Council, to answer objections - -	158	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter John Tayler as carpenter, Alex. Thomson as gunner, Thomas Hubbart as steward, and Samuel Bell as boatswain, in the Sparrow.	165	
„ „	„	„ -	„ James Corbett as carpenter of the Gillyflower - - - - -	166	—
„ „	„	„ -	„ Richard Ives as steward of the Gainsborow - - - - -	—	72–75
„ „	Gen. Monk	„ -	„ Thomas Petty as clerk of the check in the Rainbow - - - -	—	76
„ 6	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs	To allow Gen. Marceline to export 10 horses, without duties - - - -	—	77
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For the Eagle, with Dutch prisoners released, to any port of the United Provinces - -	—	78
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter William Watson as clerk of the check in the Sparrow - - - -	175	—
„ „	Gen. Monk	„ -	„ Thomas Fuller as cook in the Preston - - - - - -	176	—
„ 7	Adm. Com.	„ -	„ John Shancke as clerk of the check in the Merlin - - - - -	—	79
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Robert Hicks as carpenter of the Marigold - - - - -	—	80
„ „	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For Ant. Hungerford and servants beyond seas - - - - - -	—	81
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For the St. Peter carrying to Zealand the body of Lord Paul Van de Peire, deceased, deputy of the States General, with his servants and baggage.	—	82
„ „	„ -	„ - -	On petition of Hum. Aldington, merchant of London, for the Concord of Rochelle, between England and France, she carrying no prohibited goods.	177	—
„ 8	„ -	Keeper of Newgate	To discharge Hen. Barnes and Thos. Lock, if only committed on warrant of Council -	182	—
„ „	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit M. Roberto to import 2 puncheons of French wine, customs' free - -	177	—
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thos. Chetwood as cook of the Bridgewater - - - -	182	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ John Randall as master gunner of the Maidstone frigate - - - -	194	—
„ 9	„ -	„ -	To enter Nich. Pinney as master carpenter of the Winsby frigate - - - -	187	—
„ „	C.O.S. -	Comrs. of Customs and Excise.	To permit 7 boxes of bacon and sweetmeats, 12 of oranges, and 3 of perfumes, and 2 pipes of wine, to be landed free, for the Ambassador of Portugal.	188	—
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Dec. 9	C.O.S. -	Pass - -	For the Golden Bear of Hamburg, from Yarmouth to Bordeaux, and thence to Hamburg -	193	—
„ 10	„ -	Marshal-Gen. Alsop.	To liberate 2 Dutch lieutenants, 6 skippers, and 10 steersmen named, now prisoners at Greenwich.	199	—
„ „	„ -	Ordnance officers -	To deliver 200 barrels of powder, to be sent to Plymouth for the fleet - - -	200	—
„ „	„ -	— Leigh, minister at Chester.	To appear before Council on 3 Feb. to answer matters objected against him about a sermon preached on 5 Nov. before the magistracy of Chester.	198	—
„ „	„ -	Major-Gen. Harrison, Ald. Tichborne, and Lieut.-Col. Thomson.	To forbear executing a late order for calling in and bringing to the Tower the arms lately given to the 3 volunteer city regiments of foot, as to taking them from any judged to be pious and well-affected.	200	—
„ 13	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Joseph Wray as carpenter in the Dover - - - - - - -	—	86
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„ 18	„ -	„ -	„ John Hoper as carpenter and Chris. Payne as clerk of the check of the Weymouth pink.	—	87, 88
„ 20	„ -	„ -	„ Capt. William Badiley as master attendant at Portsmouth - - -	—	89
„ 21	Capt. Thos. Sparling.	Gregory Read or one of his company.	To go with him to the Navy Committee in London, to receive a gratuity for saving his ship.	—	90
„ „	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter William Stevens as carpenter and Christopher Bowen as boatswain in the Maidstone frigate.	—	91, 92
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Thomas Garwey as clerk of the check in the Entrance - - - -	—	93
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ John Goslin as clerk of the check in the Yarmouth - - - -	—	94
„ 22	„ -	„ -	„ James Moody as clerk of the check, and Richard Coppin as boatswain, in the Winsby frigate.	—	95, 96
„ 23	„ -	„ -	„ Thos. Wallis as steward in the new frigate building at Horsleydown - -	—	97
„ „	Council -	Serjeant Dendy -	To search the house of Rob. Wood, printer, for an abstract of the instrument whereby this government is established, seize the sheets printed or printing, break the printing press, and bring its owner and the printer, and persons employed, before Council.	1	—
„ 24	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs. -	To enter Thomas Elliott as steward of the new frigate building at Limehouse by Mr. Graves	—	98
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ Geo. Farnaby as boatswain, and Thomas Humphrey as gunner, of the Hare pink	—	99, 100
„ „	Council -	Keeper of Newgate.	To deliver to John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, Don Pantaleon De Saa, as well for recovery of his health impaired by his restraint in Newgate, as in respect of the quality of his person.	1	—
„ „	„ -	John Barkstead -	To receive Don Pantaleon de Saa prisoner, in order to his trial - - - -	2	—
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„ 26	„ -	Pass - -	For Jacob Gyscling and the Fortune of Dunkirk, to transport 150 Dutch prisoners to Rotterdam.	16	—

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1653.						
Dec. 26	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter Thomas Cole as cook in the Plymouth frigate	—	—	101
,, 27	,,	,,	,, Abraham Browne as clerk of the check in the frigate building at Limehouse by Mr. Graves.	—	—	102
,, 28	,,	,,	,, Wm. Fox as clerk of the check in the Swan frigate	—	—	103
,, ,,	Gens. Monk and Penn.	Rich. Young	To go on board the Assistance and execute the office of steward	—	—	104
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter William Candish as gunner in the Preston frigate	—	—	105
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Hen. Neave as carpenter in the frigate building at Limehouse	—	—	106
,, ,,	Council	License	For Lords Beverninck, Nieuport, and Jongestall, deputies of the States General, to hire in the Thames fit vessels for transport of themselves, their train, and baggage, to any port in the United Provinces, as they are returning home.	2	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Pass	For the said deputies to return home in any vessel they may hire	—	2	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Col. Thos. Dolman, 2 servants, and baggage to Holland	17	—	—
,, 29	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs.	To enter John Butler as boatswain, and Michael Mew as steward, of the Yarmouth	—	—	107, 108
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, John North as steward of the frigate building at Limehouse	—	—	108*a*
,, ,,	,,	,,	,, Laurence Stannanah as clerk of the check, Wm. Warre boatswain, Edw. Boore carpenter, John Robinson gunner, and Simon Bamford cook, in the frigate building at Horsleydown.	—	—	109, 110
,, 31	,,	,,	,, John Driver surgeon of the Plymouth	—	—	111
,, ,,	Council	Comrs. of Excise	To forbear payment of moneys on Weavers' Hall bills, by virtue of the Act of 16 Dec. 1652, Council having appointed the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries to treat with the persons concerned to continue them on interest.	28	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Pass	For Lieut.-Col. Thos. Wind, his wife, servants, and necessaries, to Holland	—	3	—
1654.						
Jan. 2	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To permit the goods of the Dutch deputies to pass free of search	30	3	—
,, 3	,,	Pass	For the St. Michael of Hamburg from London to Bordeaux	32	4	—
,, ,,	,,	Capt. Gab. Sanders of the Tiger.	To transport Lords Beverninck, Nieuport, and Jongestall, deputies from the States General, to Holland, convoying the vessels that transport their retinue and baggage.	—	4	—
,, 5	,,	Comrs. of Customs	To allow 130 masts and cant spars arrived from Scotland to be landed custom free	36	5	—
,, 13	,,	Pass	For the Seaflower of Sunderland, with 150 Dutch prisoners from London to the Netherlands, at desire of the Dutch deputies.	51	—	—
,, ,,	,,	Serjeant-at-arms	To search for and seize scandalous and seditious books printed from time to time, and give an account of proceedings to Council. With writ of assistance.	51	5	—
,, ,,	,,	Keeper of Newgate	To liberate Capt. Wm. Balthazar. [*Also Vol.* 65, *No.* 26*a*.]	—	5	—
,, 16	,,	Pass	For Johannes Jacobus Stockarus, envoy from the cantons of Switzerland	—	6	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	For Col. Paul Wirtz ,, Duke of Holstein	—	6	—

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1654.					
Jan. 17	Council -	Lieut. of the Tower	To deliver back Don Pantaleon de Saa to the keeper of Newgate - - - -	55	6
„ „	„ -	Keeper of Newgate.	To receive and keep him in custody, in order to his trial - - - - -	55	6
„ 23	„ -	„ -	To deliver Don Pantaleon de Saa to the Lieutenant of the Tower, in order to his health -	63	7
„ „	„	Lieut. of the Tower	To receive him, and return him to the keeper of Newgate next sessions, for his trial -	63	7
„ 25	„ -	Serjeant-at-arms -	To apprehend Chris. Feake and John Simpson, and bring them in custody before Council -	67	8
„ 28	„ -	„ -	To convey „ „ to Windsor, and deliver them to Col. Whichcott	—	9
„ „	„ -	Col. Whichcott -	To receive „ „ and keep them in custody - - -	—	9
„ 31	„ -	Comrs. of Customs	To permit Thos. Kirby, his Highness's servant, to contract for and receive 10 tuns of wine for his household, custom free.	82	9
Feb. 3	„ -	Adm. Judges -	To discharge the Star of Emden - - - - - - - - -	—	10
„ 13	„ -	Protection -	For 6 servants of Ralph Smith, employed in 6 hoys to carry stones from Quinborow Castle to Whitehall for the State, from impress.	99	10
„ 17	„ -	Col. Berkstead -	To receive prisoners in the Tower Rich. Dutton, Roger Lee, Roger Coates, Thos. Ross, Capt. Thos. Smith, John Archer, Wm. Jenkins, Jos. Sawyer, Thos. Bunce, Jos. Barker, and Chris. Watkins, apprehended on suspicion of treason.	—	10
„ „	„ -	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To discharge Isaac Gray, Rob. Hannam, and John Clowes, prisoners - - -	—	11
„ 23	„ -	Officers of ordnance	To deliver to Col. John Hewson the arms for Ireland, ordered 22 Feb., viz., 1,000 pikes, 1,020 carbines, 500 firelock and 2,000 matchlock muskets, 1,000 pistols, and 100 horse harness.	130 } 140 }	12
„ 24	„ -	Nich. Bond -	To be steward for entertainment of the Dutch Ambassadors, to provide all officers and necessaries, and pay for all out of money to be received by order of Council.	133 } 138 }	12
„ „	„ -	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	To deliver to Bond for the said entertainment 2 hhds. of French wines and a peice of sack	—	12
„ 28	„ -	Customs' Comrs. -	To permit Sir Hen. Mildmay to take up a peice of French wine from the London Merchant, now in the Thames, customs and excise free.	145	—
„ „	„ -	Pass - -	For Martin Neale to Ireland and back - - - - - - - -	145	13

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1653. July 1	Thos. Smithsby, jun., receiver of probates of wills, &c.	Gualter Frost - -	For Council's contingencies, a warrant therefor having been issued to the judges for probates.	1,500 0 0	477	—
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„ 2	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	Rich. Wollaston, master gunner.	For travelling charges in going to Snadland, to prove ordnance for ships.	44 16 8	10	—
„ „	„ „ -	„ „ -	For pains and disbursements on the day of thanksgiving.	20 0 0	10	—
„ 4	„ „ -	Capt. Thos. Garret -	For 41 barrels of powder and 170 iron shot taken up by him at Norwich for the fleet.	210 19 0	14	—
„ „	Army Committee -	Thos. Lagoe & Co. -	Balance for a quantity of Cheshire cheese for Ireland.	270 4 11	14	—
„ 6	Gualter Frost - -	M. M. - -	On account for service - - - -	100 0 0	17	—
„ 7	„ - -	Lieut. Moore - -	For pains and charges in the coiners business -	5 0 0	19	—
„ 8	Thos. Smithsby -	Thos. Smithsby -	Salary for ½ year, as clerk of the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, for self and clerks; from the money for probates, &c. of wills.	150 0 0	30	—
„ „	„ -	Newark Beckwith -	Salary for ½ year's services as doorkeeper - -	22 0 0	30	—
„ 18	Commissioners of Prize Goods.	Capt. Roger Alsop, Marshal-General of the Army,	For keeping prisoners committed to him by order, on account	400 0 0	64	—
„ 19	Capt. Fauconberg -	Geo. Carr, sumpter man to the late King.	According to the list of payments to be made this day brought in.	10 0 0	71	—
„ „	„ -	Lieut. Rich. Palmer -	„ „ „ -	28 0 0	71	—
„ „	„ -	Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood	„ „ -	200 0 0	71	—
„ „	„ - -	Capt. Pechel - -	From receipt of the revenue - - -	100 0 0	71	—
„ „	„ -	Col. Rob. Hammond -	From the revenue, the late restraint notwithstanding	200 0 0	72	—
„ „	Commissioners of Customs.	Judges of the Courts in Westminster Hall.	For salary, each - - - - -	200 0 0	71	—
„ 20	Gualter Frost - -	Major Phil. Eyton -	For sums disbursed for repairs in the Isle of Man -	70 14 0	79	—
„ 21	„ -	N. N. - - -	When it shall grow due - - - -	100 0 0	80	—
„ „	„ -	Eliz. Cox, widow -	If Major-Gen. Harrison and the Committee for Petitions are satisfied with the truth of her petition.	5 0 0	81	—
„ „	Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, Treasurers-at-war.	Jas. Powell of Bristol -	For shipping and freight of tent cloth, powder, and match from Bristol to Waterford; from the 3,000*l.* for horses for recruits in Ireland.	32 19 0	86	—
„ „	Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers.	Kath. Miller - -	On her petition as due to her, the restraint notwithstanding.	20 0 0	89	—

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1653.						
July 23	Committee at Haberdashers' Hall.	Ordnance officers -	Gratuity for extraordinary pains last year. [*Also G.* 142, *p.* 613.]	200 0 0	105	—
„ „	[Gualter Frost] -	Capt. Dodsworth -	To be repaid to persons in Nottingham, of whom he borrowed the money for the service.	100 0 0	101	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	For his pains in taking up the said moneys -	20 0 0	102	—
„ „	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Rebecca Woodward -	For the loss of her husband, slain in the service -	20 0 0	105	—
„ „	Maj.-Gen. Harrison -	Ordnance officers -	For supply of stores - - - - -	268 6 8	106	—
„ 26	[Gualter Frost] -	Edw. Clovell, Esq. -	From Council's contingencies - - -	20 0 0	123	—
„ 29	Commissioners of Prize Goods.	Mary, widow of John Moore, cook of the James.	For the loss of her husband, who has died of wounds received in the service.	10 0 0	143	—
„ „	Gualter Frost - -	Commissary Thos. Fowler.	For bringing guns and arms from Beaumaris and Bristol, the balance, 49*l.* 16*s.*, to be paid by warrant from the Admiralty Commissioners.	73 3 8½	147	—
„ 30	„ - -	———	For discovery of coiners - - - -	20 0 0	149	—
Aug. 1	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Capt. John Coppin -	For present relief, on his petition - - -	50 0 0	157	—
„ 2	Commissioners for Customs.	Robt. Russell of London.	For 100 barrels of powder, Tower proof, delivered at the Tower.	475 0 0	165	—
„ 5	Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers.	Earl of Kildare's children.	For their present subsistence - - -	25 0 0	179	—
„ 6	Capt. Fauconberg -	— Alexander, one of the late King's servants.	For subsistence, he being in the list, the late restrictions notwithstanding.	50 0 0	187	—
„ 9	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Mary, widow of Hen. Buckle.	For relief of self and children, signifying it to the Navy Committee.	15 0 0	205	—
„ „	„ „ -	Sir Arthur Loftus -	For arrears and disbursements, and to enable him to transport his lady and children to Ireland.	—	205	—
„ „	Army Committee -	Rob. Cobbet - -	Balance due for 6,000 cassocks and breeches delivered in Ireland.	2,099 5 8	205	—
„ „	G. Frost - -	John Humphreys -	Arrears of his late father's salary, as sword-bearer to the High Court of Justice.	190 0 0	205	—
„ „	„ - -	Edw. Clovell, Esq. -	From Council's contingencies - - -	20 0 0	205	—
„ 10	Commissioners for Dutch Prizes.	Margaret, widow of Mat. Grant, master's mate in the Paragon.	On certificate of the Navy Commissioners that he was a valiant man, and was slain in fight with the Dutch.	30 0 0	207	—

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Aug. 10	Thos. Fauconbridge -	Lancelot Emott -	Certified as due to him as provost marshal for Middlesex and Westminster.	176	1	7	208	—
„ 16	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Marshal-General -	For maintenance of his prisoners, on account -	500	0	0	225	—
„ „	„ „ -	Mary, widow of Edw. Lewis.	For loss of her husband, pilot in the Merchant Adventure, beside what she has received.	10	0	0	229	—
„ „	G. Frost - - -	Mr. Scutt - -	On account, to provide firing for Council next winter	80	0	0	228	—
„ 17	Commissioners of Customs.	Rob. Russell - -	For 60 barrels of powder - - - -	285	0	0	241	—
„ „	Lieutenant of the Tower	Rich. Hutchinson -	From money in the Tower, to be issued on warrants from the Commissioners of Inspection for the Navy.	30,000	0	0	237	—
„ „	Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, Treasurers-at-war.	Phil. Percival -	For artificers and workmen to make mathematical instruments and materials for surveying lands in Ireland.	40	0	0	245	—
„ „	Army Committee -	John Mathew and Thos. Prescot.	In part of 123 tons 19 cwt. 7 lbs. of oatmeal delivered at Galway and Carlingford.	381	7	3½	245	—
„ „	Capt. Hatsell - -	„ „ -	For 16 tons more oatmeal, from public moneys in his hands.	208	0	0	245	—
„ „	John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, Treasurers-at-war.	Hen. Coleman - -	To enable him to transport himself to Ireland -	20	0	0	—	116
„ 22	G. Frost - -	Theo. Jennings, sen. -	For losses, labour, and pains in journeys for the service.	20	0	0	260	—
„ 23	Capt. Fauconberg -	John Littleton, D.D., executor of Wm. Littleton.	Due to him from the revenue, the late order of restraint notwithstanding.	250	0	0	267	—
„ 24	G. Frost - -	Sir John Cochrane -	From Council's contingencies - - -	100	0	0	268	—
„ „	„ - -	Major Wade - -	On account - - - - - -	500	0	0	275	—
„ „	Lieutenant of the Tower	Rich. Hutchinson -	For the navy, from money lately coined in the Tower; to be disbursed on orders from the Commissioners for Inspection.	40,000	0	0	270	—
„ „	„ „ -	G. Frost - -	For a special service, to be disposed of by direction of Council.	1,000	0	0	275	—
„ „	Capt. Fauconberg	John Brewster, M.P. -	Payable from the revenue, the late restraint notwithstanding.	25	0	0	273	—
„ 27	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Grace Stone, widow -	For self and children, she having lost her husband in the service.	40	0	0	284	—

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Aug. 30	Army Committee -	Rich. Browne - -	For wheat and oats for Ireland - -	1,945 16 8	304	—
„ „	„ -	„ - -	For 175 quarters of wheat shipped on the State's account, from incident moneys.	87 10 0	304	—
„ 31	G. Frost - -	Capt. Hen. Cope -	On his petition, for his present subsistence - -	20 0 0	308	—
„ „	Army Committee -	Armiger Warner -	For self and shipmaster, carrying wheat from Portsmouth to Limerick.	384 19 0	311	—
„ „	„ -	John Bunbury -	For 1,100 qrs. of wheat and 1,191 qrs. 5 bu. of oats for Ireland.	703 1 10	311	—
„ „	John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane.	Phil. Percival - -	For artificers furnishing instruments, &c. for surveying for the service in Ireland.	40 0 0	—	117
Sept. 1	„ „ -	Thos. Morley - -	For freight, &c. of the Jonathan and Abigail, carrying 8 packs of match and 2,170 shirts to Limerick.	26 5 4	311	118
„ 7	Army Committee -	Roger Carlisle, Walter Benge, and Rich. Giles, gunsmiths.	For materials to complete firearms in Ireland, on a debenture from the Ordnance officers.	352 3 0	304, 346	—
„ „	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Mary, widow of Rob. Daymont.	Besides 10*l.* granted before, her husband being slain in the Success.	5 0 0	346	—
„ 9	Army Committee -	Capt. John Whitworth	For 1,092 qrs. 4 bus. of wheat delivered at Dublin -	873 0 0	356	—
„ „	„ „ -	„ „ -	For 200 tons of oatmeal delivered at Dundalk and Carlingford, Ireland.	1,071 1 1	356	—
„ 13	Lieut.-Col. Zanchey -	Thos. Smithsby -	From moneys received from fees in the Probate Court, in repayment of sums advanced by him when that court was in his hands, to answer a warrant of 1,500*l.* for Council's contingencies.	45 7 0	368	—
„ „	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Susan, widow of Capt. Chas. Vayly.	For her husband's services in a privateer, in intercepting papers from Holland, expenses in giving testimony thereon, and charges during his sickness.	40 0 0	369, 371	—
„ „	Gualt. Frost - -	Capt. Roger Pritchard	For raising 100 foot soldiers, maintaining them, and bringing them to Stapleton, for transport to Ireland.	102 13 4	371	—
„ 15	Lieutenant of the Tower	Navy Treasurer -	For the navy, the same to be certified to the Committee for Inspection.	30,000 0 0	377	—
„ 23	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Capt. Thos. Pearse -	The $\frac{1}{6}$ of a prize of French wheat taken by him at sea	171 0 8	401	—
„ 26	Army Committee -	Denis Gauden - -	Balance for 6,112 qrs. 6 bush. of wheat, delivered at Limerick, Waterford, and Dublin, for the army in Ireland.	2,236 15 6	413	—

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1653. Sept. 27	Gault. Frost - -	Art. Hawkes of Harwich.	For disbursements in keeping out a scout boat, a former warrant not being paid.	9 0 0	419	—
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„ 28	Lieutenant of the Tower	Rich. Hutchinson -	For the fleet, to be paid on warrants from the Navy Commissioners.	50,000 0 0	2	—
„ 29	Capt. Fauconberg -	John Emben - -	Balance due of the 1,000*l.* ordered him from moneys coming in on a discovery presented by him, Thos. Smithsby, John Blackwell, &c.	589 16 8	16	—
Oct. 1	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Commissary-Gen. Whaley.	For relief of Dutch prisoners - - -	200 0 0	28	—
„ „	„ „ -	Marshal-Gen. Alsop -	For maintenance of Dutch prisoners committed to him, on account.	500 0 0	29	—
„ 4	[Gualter Frost] -	Lieut.-Col. Worsley -	For fire and candles for the guard - - -	20 0 0	40	—
„ „	„ -	John Embree -	For disbursements in repair of Whitehall and other public houses.	440 0 0	59	—
„ 10	„ -	Major John Miller -	For beds and furniture for the soldiers in the Tower	171 2 11	66	—
„ 11	Capt. Fauconberg -	Nath. Partridge, minister of Deddington, co. Oxford.	His augmentation for the past ½ year - -	24 19 1	79	—
„ 12	Haberdashers' Hall Committee.	Amb. Whitelock -	On account, for charge of his embassy to Sweden -	1,000 0 0	86	—
„ 13	[Gualter Frost] - -	Earl of Clanrickard -	In part of 1,200*l.* ordered him by Parliament -	600 0 0	91	—
„ 14	Haberdashers' Hall Committee.	Viscountess Ranelagh -	On account of what is due from Parliament. [*Also G.* 12, *p.* 571; *and G.* 113, *p.* 33.]	100 0 0	97	—
„ 18	Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall.	Sam. Hartlib - -	Arrears which should have been paid out of the undervalues at Haberdashers' Hall.	150 0 0	126	—
„ 20	[Gual. Frost] -	Major Thos. Parsons -	For fire and candles for Col. Pride's regiment, employed in keeping the Dutch prisoners at Greenwich.	10 0 0	134	—
„ „	„ -	John Thurloe - -	For intelligence - - - - -	600 0 0	136	—
„ 22	„ -	Major-Gen. Monroe -	For subsistence, he having been 5 years prisoner in the Tower.	20 0 0	145	—
„ „	„ -	Jas. Waynwright, merchant of London.	For the quarter's salary, due 25 Dec. next, of Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg.	200 0 0	147	—
„ 22	Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall.	Capt. Peter Backhouse	According to a warrant of the Committee for Compounding, being ⅕ of sums of 156*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* and of 200*l.* allowed him as a discoverer by the Act of 8 Aug. 1650.	131 4 5	150	—

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1653. Oct. 25	Army Committee -	Dan. Hutchinson and John Preston, aldermen of Dublin.	Balance for clothes for the armies in Ireland. -	1,875 0 0	159	—
„ 31	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Tower labourers -	For arrears of salary for service - - -	931 8 4	194	—
„ „	Lieutenant of the Tower	Rich. Hutchinson -	For the navy, out of the newly-coined money in the Tower.	20,000 0 0	197	—
Nov. 4	Gual. Frost - -	Edw. Carter, late Surveyor-General.	For paying tradesmen, serving materials, labourers, &c. for repair of the State's houses, to 31 March last.	856 9 11½	I. 72. 9	—
„ 5	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Marshal-General -	On account for Dutch and Scotch prisoners, the Committee for Prisoners reporting his disbursements from 16 June to 13 Oct. to be 451*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*	500 0 0	13	—
„ 8	Capt. Falconbridge -	Fras. Rous, provost of Eton.	For ½ a year's pension, the restraint notwithstanding	21 0 0	33	—
„ 9	Lieutenant of the Tower	Rich. Hutchinson -	For the navy - - - - -	20,000 0 0	39	—
„ 16	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Marshal-Gen. Alsop -	Towards maintenance of Dutch prisoners - -	500 0 0	69	—
„ 17	Gual. Frost - -	John Midwood -	For charges and 20 months' attendance about the Scotch records.	120 0 0	79	—
„ 18	Lieutenant of the Tower	Generals of the fleet -	From the new coined money, on directions of the Admiralty Commissioners from time to time, convoying it by a guard on shipboard.	15,000 0 0	81	—
„ „	Gual. Frost - -	Geo. Thomson	On account - - - - - -	130 0 0	83	—
„ 19	Blackwell and Deane -	Chas. Whalley of Chester.	Disbursements for shipping ammunition out of Chester stores to Ireland, with medicaments, &c.	13 16 2	87	119
„ „	Mr. Hatter - -	„ „ -	For sending provisions to Ayr, out of the remains of 1,500*l.* for charge of recruits to Scotland.	50 0 0	87	—
„ „	Gual. Frost - -	„ „ -	For the same, out of Council's contingencies -	50 0 0	87	—
„ 21	„ - -	Governor of Landguard Fort.	On report by the Ordnance Committee, on account for its repair	50 0 0	90	—
„ „	„ - -	„ „ -	For disbursements made by him in repairs - -	24 5 0	91	—
„ 22	„ - -	Jane Neale and Marg. Roberts.	Towards their relief, 5*l.* each - -	10 0 0	97	—

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1653. Nov. 22	Gual. Frost - -	Anne Smith and Anne Parry.	Towards their relief, 3*l.* each - - -	6 0 0	97	—
„ 23	„ - -	Coachmakers and saddlers.	For work in fitting the State's coaches for Whitelock's embassy to Sweden.	60 2 6	104	—
„ 26	Blackwell and Deane -	Rich. Gladman -	For 2,309 bags of biscuit, for the forces in Ireland -	96 15 0	120	120
„ 28	Gual. Frost - -	Sir John Cochrane -	For present subsistence - - - -	50 0 0	124	—
„ 29	„ - -	Cuthbert Sydenham -	Due on a pension settled on him by former Councils.	66 13 4	131	—
„ „	Capt. Fauconberg -	Dr. Sebastian Smith -	On his petition, for his last ½ year's pension from the first fruits, the restraint notwithstanding.	30 0 0	131	—
„ „	Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall.	Reduced officers of co. Dorset.	Balance due, any restraint notwithstanding -	102 6 0	132	—
Dec. 1	Capt. Fauconberg	Dr. Love - -	For the stipend of the Lady Margaret's professor and preacher, and a pension allowed by Henry VII. to Cambridge University.	33 6 8	146	—
„ 2	[Gual. Frost] - -	Quartermaster ——— -	For the charge of carrying Mr. Brown and Brent under guard to Chester.	10 0 0	156	—
„ „	Commissioners of Prize Goods.	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	For relief of sick and wounded men - -	1,000 0 0	158	—
„ „	„ „ -	Thos. Simons, goldsmith.	In part of 2,000*l.* ordered by Parliament for chains and medals for the generals and officers of the fleet, any former orders notwithstanding.	1,500 0 0	158	—
„ „	Blackwell and Deane -	Col. Wm. Webb -	Balance for 40 reams of paper royal, &c., for the surveying lands in Ireland.	74 16 0	149	121
„ „	„ „ -	John Lyon - -	10*l.* for care in directing the making circumferentors and other mathematical instruments for Ireland, and 18*s.* balance of disbursements for the survey.	10 18 0	149	122
„ „	„ „ -	Walter Hayes - -	Balance for 7 circumferentors, a loadstone, &c., for the survey.	20 1 0	149	123
„ „	„ „ -	Hen. Sutton - -	Balance for 6 circumferentors, a semicircle, a plane table, &c., for the survey.	20 2 0	149	124

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1653. Dec. 2	Blackwell and Deane -	Ant. Thompson -	Balance for 2 circumferentors, 3 parallellograms, &c., for the survey.	5 16 0	149	—	125
„ „	„ „ -	Edw. Grimes - -	Balance for 4 circumferentors, 3 doz. needles, &c., for the survey.	13 0 0	149	—	126
„ 6	[Gualt. Frost] -	Major Fras. Alleyn -	For firing for the guards of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	5 0 0	173	—	—
„ 8	„ - -	Eliz. Alkin - -	For her services - - - -	10 0 0	185	—	—
„ 9	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Capt. Cox - -	For losses and good service in regaining the Phœnix.	500 0 0	191	—	—
„ 10	Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall.	Col. John Rathbone -	On his petition, being 1/5 of a discovery of 666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* made by him.	133 6 0	199	—	—
„ 19	Gualter Frost - -	Thos. Mason - -	For a service lately performed - -	10 0 0	—	1	—
„ 26	„ - -	Wm. Jessop - -	To be issued by Council's directions -	400 0 0	I. 75. 15	—	—
„ 28	Wm. Jessop - -	John Embree, surveyor	On account, for repairing Whitehall -	400 0 0	19	2	—
„ 31	„ - -	John Maidstone, steward to the Protector.	Received of the Customs' Commissioners, by the Protector's warrant, to be disposed as directed by Council.	5,000 0 0	28	3	—
1654. Jan. 2	Gualter Frost - -	Lord Amb. Whitelock	In part allowance for the first 6 months of his embassy to Sweden.	1,000 0 0	—	5	—
„ 3	„ - -	12 trumpeters - -	For attending the proclamation of the Protector.	12 0 0	33	—	—
„ 6	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne.	For subsistence, being prisoner in the Tower	8 0 0	31	3	—
„ 10	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey -	For disbursements by him and Col. Clerke in their journey to Gravesend.	22 18 10	40	4	—
„ „	„ - -	Mat. Allen of Weymouth.	Towards his relief, per week, on report by Col. Sydenham.	1 0 0	39	4	—
„ „	„ - -	John Pell - -	A quarter's salary as mathematical lecturer	50 0 0	—	5	—
„ 19	„ - -	Col. John Humphreys -	For two great swords of the late King, bought by him at the same sum.	50 0 0	—	9	—
„ 20	„ - -	—— Stretter, prisoner in the Gatehouse.	For relief in his imprisonment, weekly -	0 10 0	62	—	—
„ 26	„ - -	Col. Humphreys -	In pursuance of an order of 19 Jan. instant	50 0 0	70	—	—
„ 27	Comrs. of Customs -	East India Company -	For saltpetre - - - - -	10,670 0 0	74, 77	—	—

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1654. Jan. 31	Peter Evans, receiver of South Wales.	Thos. Hughes - -	For 2 years' fee as prothonotary and clerk of the Pleas in Brecon, Radnor, and Glamorgan.	18 0 0	83	—	—
Feb. 1	Comrs. of Customs -	Gualter Frost - -	To be issued on directions of Pickering, Strickland, and Jones.	1,000 0 0	62, 84	—	—
„ 3	Gualter Frost - -	Secretary and clerk of the Council, viz.:—	Due on 1 Jan. for their salaries, viz.: -	1,078 12 1	—	6–7	—
		Sec. Thurloe - -	One quarter - - - -	200 0 0			
		Mr. Jessop -	77 days - - - -	77 0 0			
		Gualter Frost - -	As secretary's assistant to the late Council of State, 71 days.	71 0 0			
		John Milton - -	Half a year at 15*s.* 10½*d.* a day -	144 9 3			
		Phil. Meadows -	One quarter - - - -	50 0 0			
		8 clerks - -	6*s.* 8*d.* a day one quarter - -	242 13 4			
		12 messengers - -	5*s.* a day one quarter - - -	273 0 0			
		Hen. Gifford - -	For keeping the Treasury room, 2*s.* 6*d.* a day.	11 7 6			
		Rob. Stebbin - -	Making fires and keeping the doors leading to the secretary's office.	9 2 0			
„ 4	„ -	Sec. Thurloe - -	For the use of Council for intelligence -	600 0 0	—	8	—
„ 6	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne.	Towards his relief, per month - -	8 0 0	103	6	—
„ 9	„ - -	Earl of Crawford and Lindsay.	For subsistence as prisoner in the Tower, weekly.	6 0 0	102	8	—
„ „	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey -		100 0 0	—	8	—
„ „	„ - -	Hen. Lawrence, President of Council.		300 0 0	—	9	—
„ 10	Thos. Fauconberg -	Officers at law -	For services, viz.: - - -	146 13 3½	—	10	—
		Col. Thos. Coke -	1½ years' salary as second remembrancer in the Exchequer.	96 3 3½			
		Thos. Gundrey -	Second secondary, 2½ years - -	10 0 0			
		„ -	First secondary, 2 years - -	10 0 0			
		John Tuthill - -	Second „ - -	8 0 0			
		Thos. Gundry and the other sworn clerks.	For writing amerciaments, payable every second year in Easter term.	22 10 0			
„ 11	Gualter Frost - -	Amb. Whitelock -	Part of allowance for his first 6 months' embassy to Sweden.	1,000 0 0	—	10	—

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1654. Feb. 16	Commissioners for Prize Goods.	Capt. Wm. Brandley -	As a gratuity for the loss of his right hand in the service.	150 0 0	113	12	—
,, ,,	Gualter Frost -	Dr. Bastwick -	For present subsistence - - -	200 0 0	—	12	—
,, ,,	Lieut.-Col. Rich Sankey	John Embree, surveyor	From receipts for probate of wills, towards repairs of Whitehall.	1,000 0 0	—	13	—
,, 17	Th os. Fauconberg -	Col. Rob. Hamond -	Due last Michaelmas, on a Parliament order of 9 July 1649, allowing him 400*l.* a year. Confirmed 19 June.	200 0 0	119 } 378 }	13	—
,, 23	Treasury Comrs. -	Gualter Frost - -	For Council's contingencies -	2,000 0 0	132	—	—
,, ,,	Ald. Thos. Ledgard of Newcastle.	Receiver-General -	From 14,299*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* balance in hand of sums paid him by the agents of Sir John Trevor, Lancelot Lake, and the other lessees of the coal farm, to be repaid them by the late Army Committee	2,357 18 9	132	15	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Haberdashers' Hall Comrs.		532 2 9	132	15	—
,, ,,	,, -	Lessees of the coal farm at Newcastle.		1,409 4 9	132	15	—
,, ,,	Gualter Frost -	René Augier - -	For ½ a year's pay for his secretary employed in France, 184 days at 10*s.* a day, to 20 Jan. last.	92 0 0	132	14	—
,, ,,	,, -	Sir Abr. Williams -	For a quarter's rent for his house in Palace Yard for entertainment of Ambassadors.	75 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Isaac Dorislaus -	Quarter's salary as solicitor to the Admiralty.	50 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	— Randolph - -	½ year's salary as keeper of the Paper Office	80 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Wm. Rowe - -	¼ ,, ,, as secretary to the Irish and Scotch Committee.	75 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Joseph Caryll - -	Ministers ¼ year's salary, 50*l.* each -	150 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Hugh Peters - -					
,, ,,	,, - -	Peter Sterry - -					
,, ,,	,, - -	Edw. Dendy - -	½ year's salary as Serjeant-at-arms -	182 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Wm. Ryley - -	¼ ,, ,, as keeper of the Tower records.	50 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Rich. Scutt - -	¼ year's salary as usher, for him and assistants.	72 16 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Dr. Walter Walker -	¼ year's salary as advocate - -	25 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Edw. Josley - -	½ ,, ,, as keeper of the privy lodgings.	20 0 0	134	18	—
,, ,,	,, - -	Col. Roseworm -	¼ year's salary as engineer general -	45 10 0	135	18	—

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1654.							
Feb. 23	Gualter Frost - -	14 serjeant's deputies -	¼ year's salary at 15*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* each -	212 6 8	135	19	—
„ „	„ - -	— Williams - -	¾ „ „ as printer of the bills of mortality.	7 10 0	135	19	—
„ „	„ - -	25 State's watermen -	¼ year's salary - - - - -	25 0 0	135	19	—
„ „	„ - -	Wm. Spittlehouse -	½ „ „ as keeper of the orchard door.	10 0 0	135	19	—
„ „	„ - -	Rich. Nutt - -	¼ year's salary as master of the barges -	20 0 0	135	19	—
„ „	„ - -	Thos. Washbourne -	„ „ „ „ „ assistant -	5 0 0	135	19	—
„ „	„ - -	Thos. Preisly - -	½ „ „ as doorkeeper to the Irish and Scotch Committee.	18 4 0	131	19	—
„ „	Col. Thos. Fauconberg	Capt. Rich. Pechell -	1½ year's allowance by order of Parliament, till 100*l.* a year in land is settled on him.	150 0 0	125, 135	19	—
„ 24	Gualter Frost - -	Nich. Bond - -	For provisions for entertainment of the Ambassadors coming from Holland.	300 0 0	131, 138	14	—
„ „	„ - -	Signor Hippolito Gabriele.	To buy him a horse, &c. for his journey to Scotland.	20 0 0	131	20	—
„ „	„ - -	Thos. Mason - -	For a late service, on a note from Major-Gen. Lambert and Col. Jones.	10 0 0	138, 140	—	—
„ 27	Col. John Barkstead -	Gualter Frost - -	For contingencies of Council, from money lately coined in the Mint.	1,500 0 0	137, 142	20	—
„ „	Gualter Frost -	Amb. Whitelock -	On account, on the order of Feb. 6.	1,500 0 0	137, 142	21	—

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1653.				Vol. 56.
July 1	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Cannot procure an able person to take care of the provisions on board the Sun, and the Hector is in the same condition, no boatswain appearing. Has brought in the Amity, and the Ruby will follow.	1
„ „	Capt. Wm. Coppen, *Adam and Eve, Gravesend.*	„	Is detained for want of men and there are none to press. Desires the surgeon and carpenter may be hastened down, and when he has procured sufficient men, will sail with all speed.	2
„ „	Jo. Brewster, *Dolphin at sea.*	„	Sends the muster books. Did not lose any men in the engagement on 2 and 3 June, nor had any sufficiently wounded to send them on shore, but since then has had 26 ill with the scurvy.	3
„ „	John Falkener, *Ordnance Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will see that Caple, the hoyman now in custody, attends the Admiralty Committee on Saturday morning. Has written Capt. Hatsell to supply the Greyhound at Plymouth with stores.	4
„ „	Hen. Downeing, Bartho. Caple, Jno. Freeman, and Ben. Symonds, hoymen.	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order for payment of 110*l.* due to them for carrying gunners' stores to Yarmouth for the fleet, which was performed at great risk, one of their company having lost his life.	5
„ 2	John Arthur, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends his account of the press, as also receipts of the masters of the scout vessels for 37*l.* Has drawn a bill for the amount on the Commissioners for Dutch Prizes. Hopes they will consider his labour about the press and the wounded men, and in making and returning a book to the Council of State of all the seamen's names.	6
„ „	Barth. Kither, *Chatham.*	„	Desires the usual allowance for Edw. Ridgway, appointed his surgeon in the Half Moon prize, to fit out his chest.	7
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	As the Marigold is resolved to be dispatched from Queenborough, desires that no money may be sent down until it is arranged where to pay her. It will be prejudicial to turn over her men to another ship, when she will be so soon fitted.	8
„ „	John Buller, pilot, *Faversham.*	—	Certificate that Hen. Symball, messenger to the Council of State, impressed the Seaflower of Feversham on 21 June to carry him with letters to the Generals of the fleet on the Flemish coast, but went from place to place to seek them, and did not find them till the 28th.	9
„ 3	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, The Spurn.*	Adm.Com.	Has been plying on the coast, and met several ships, as also the Generals with their fleet bound for Sole Bay; they have left a squadron on the coast of Holland.	10
„ 4	Capt. Wm. Partridge, *Wildman, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires the powder and gunners' stores may be hastened from the Tower; when the 7 men arrive from Dover, will put to sea.	11
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	It seems strange that the Foresight at Woolwich, having a captain, master pilot in ordinary, and master's mate, should stay for an extra pilot to carry her to Tilbury Hope. Is going to Woolwich to survey the Elias prize and hasten her away. The Pearl will sail to-day. There is a small attendance of seamen.	12

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1653. July 4	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com[rs]	The Mary prize has come up from Chatham to the Hope, but wants a steward. She was without provisions; has given a warrant to the clerk of the check for sufficient for 54 men. Asks whether to do the like with other ships in like condition; the Yarmouth pink is ordered out; 4 or 5 seamen have requested to be conveyed to the fleet by the ships with ammunition, but the masters will not take them.	Vol. 56. 13
„ „	John Bamford, *Unicorn, Sole Bay.*	„	Sends muster book of the Unicorn, being employed by the admirals and Capt. Strong as clerk of the check, the place being void.	14
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask whether the contracts for the Mary ketch and Chase to carry provisions to the fleet are to be renewed, as they have both expired and the ships come in.	15
„ „	„ - -	„	Desire order to the Navy Treasurer to pay the bill given to Jacob Jacobson for two parcels of hemp bought of him.	16
„ „	J. S[mith], *Woolwich.*	—	Particulars of 14 ships named at Woolwich and Deptford - - - - -	17
„ „	Wm. Cullen and Jno. Golder [*Dover*].	—	Certificate that Jacob Rickard of North Yarmouth, mariner, lost his right arm in the engagement with the Dutch, in the Foresight; that he has a wife and two children and a mother and sister blind, and being now disabled, he and they must perish unless speedily relieved.	18
„ „	Charles White -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of boatswain in the Sun prize, having served the State of 7 years. With certificate by Capt. Wm. Kendall in his favour.	19, 20
„ „	Wm. Greenwood, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Clarke has been in, and sailed again towards the fleet, which is now coming towards the Roads intending for Sole Bay to provide necessaries. They have left 20 or 30 frigates on the Holland coast, to observe the enemy's motions.	21
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Navy Com[rs]	As the officers at Chatham refuse to supply any more ships with junk, and as there is none in the stores, they will be unfurnished, unless order is given to proceed as formerly.	22
„ „	Capt. Peter Strong, *Unicorn, Sole Bay.*	„	Desires if the money allowed for the sick and wounded has been paid to Mr. Odway, formerly his clerk of the check, that it may be converted into necessaries to be sent to the ship.	23
„ „	William Waller, *Cignet, King's Road.*	„	Asks an order to Commissioner Powell at Bristol to recruit his chest as surgeon of the Cignet, the crew being very sickly, and ordered for the Irish coast.	24
„ „	St. J. Steventon -	—	Certifies that 12 men, 11 volunteers and 1 pressed man, were entered on board the State's ships between 23 June and 4 July.	25
„ 5	Jas. Rosier, clerk of the check, *Merchant Adventurer, Sole Bay.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends up two muster books. Begs to resign on account of sickness, the steward's absence, and want of opportunity.	26
„ „	Henry Hopkins of *Limehouse*, shipwright.	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of master carpenter in the new frigate building at Limehouse, having served in the Ann and Joyce and been in the two last engagements. With certificate of recommendation from Christ. Pett and 6 others.	27

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1653.				
July 5	Thos. Smith, *Deptford.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has been to Woolwich and encloses a list of the ships he has sent out. As the tar was wasting in the yard by the heat of the sun, has hired a room for it of Capt. Hosier for 10*s.* a week and taken it for a year. It is by the water side and is 60 feet by 20. The nonpayment of the tickets to seamen who have ventured their lives in the service has caused much discontent; gave them to understand who was the cause of it. Thinks it is carnal policy. The Pearl will sail to night.	Vol. 56. 28
,, ,,	Capt. Joshua Wilson, *Victory.*	,,	Sends two muster books, being the 4th since sailing from Queenborough - - - -	29
,, ,,	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Mathias, Chatham.*	,,	Asks a warrant for his surgeon, that he may get his chest provided, also the sending down of what seamen can be procured, as he is hastening the fitting out, and will soon be ready to sail.	30
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	The Marigold will sail to-morrow for the Hope, where she ought to be paid. The Gillyflower and Westergun are ready; the victuals ought to be sent down, as the rest of the ships will not be long behind. Has ordered the provisions to be sent to the fleet going to Southwold Bay. Sends a letter from Capt. Kendall, complaining of the want of petty warrant victuals. The soldiers who went to London with the prisoners demand an allowance.	31
,, ,,	,, ,, -	Adm. Com.	Is starting to the fleet at Southwold Bay according to orders received, and will do his best to advance so great a service. Particulars of ships. Encloses account of cordage and anchors sent to the fleet.	32, 33
,, ,,	,, ,, -	Capt. Pett	To enter Abraham Luffkin steward of the Gillyflower - - - - - - -	34
,, 6	Capt. Rich. Suffell, *Duchess, Lee Road.*	—	Certificate that Geo. Browne is his surgeon, and request that he may have money to recruit his medicine chest.	35
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Desire an order to the master shipwright to fit out the Stork prize to carry ballast and guns to ships, as she is too old and shattered for any other service.	36
,, ,,	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Mathias.*	Major Salwey.	Mr. Pearse, appointed master of the Mathias, has arrived from Deal, and desires his warrant, as the ship is ready to sail. Has had trouble to keep his men together. Commissioner Pett has gone to the Generals at Sole Bay.	37
,, ,,	John Wyles, clerk of the check, *Mermaid, Harwich.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Sends 2 muster books and desires one may be sent to the Treasury Office. Will in future send one monthly.	38
,, ,,	Wm. Beale and Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Fear there will be some confusion in the distribution of the victuals amongst the fleet, unless an able person is immediately appointed in the place of Mr. Blundell, the general purser, lately deceased. Have 5 pursers on the place; propose either John Petty and Wm. Addis to succeed him. If the provisions required by Capt. Limbrey are for the fleet, they have already been ordered to be supplied from Ipswich and those parts, and to be sent to Sole Bay. Particulars of 300 tons sent by victualling ships named.	39

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1653. July 6	Wm. Acworth and Wm. Sheldon, *Woolwich.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Certificate of 13 anchors remaining in the stores formerly belonging to the Swiftsure, &c. -	40
„ „	Edw. Bulstrode, *Stokes Bay.*	„	Sends two muster books. The ship has only been allowed 160 men, but Capt. Blake says she can carry 180. Has been compelled to set some new masts, as she was much damaged in the engagement last June. Had 24 yards of canvas from the James. Took 3 prizes off the Fly on the 23rd ult. Had 4 brass guns from the Duchess, and gave two iron ones in return.	41
„ 7	Wm. Gurner, Robt. Bullock, and Chas. Stamford, *Barber Surgeons' Hall.*	—	Certificate that the Master and wardens have appointed Thos. Harding, Daniel Sneaton, Thomas Hastler, and Isaac Smythyes, surgeons to the fleet.	42
„ „	Capt. Wm. Wildeys, *Ratcliff.*	Adm. Com.	The Newcastle frigate is appointed to convoy the ships with ammunition in the Hope to the fleet, but she has been detained for want of a wind. Will go to Gravesend and despatch the Pelican and Mary prize; the Pearl has fallen down to Blackwall.	43
„ „	„ „ *Gravesend.*	„	Has been on board the Pelican, which cannot sail as she wants provisions and men, but will take some men out of the Anne and Pearcey. The King David is in the Hope with the vessels laden with powder and shot, and others bound for the fleet; will send them to Sole Bay under convoy of the Newcastle. The want of water casks and getting the men on board, is a great hindrance. There are no soldiers on board any of the ships.	44
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	To the same effect. The 10 ton of junk from Deptford has been shipped for the fleet - -	45
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Worcester has arrived, and they are setting her masts, but she wants victuals and men. The Gillyflower and Marygold have sailed, and although pretty full of men, want victuals. Particulars of ships.	46
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Send a list of additional officers required in the office for carrying on the affairs of the navy, the business being now 10 times more than in former times; with the salary to be paid to each, without fees or other gratuities.	47
„ „	„ -	„	Have conferred with the victuallers about an expeditious supply of beer for the fleet; they hope the defects will not prove so great as the complaints. The many ships to be despatched hinders them from effecting what they desire, and what may be thought necessary for the fleet.	48
„ 8	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	NavyComrs	Asks whether to provide necessaries for sick men sent on shore; want of clothes has caused the distemper of many, as they were pressed and sent on board without any; there are upwards of 40 of them in several places, and many more daily expected.	49
„ „	Thomas Wright, *Heartsease, Lee Road.*	„	Asks orders, having come with the Crescent, 7 Brothers, and Duchess, with several prizes by order from the Generals of the fleet.	50

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July 8	Rich. Stayner and And. Price, *Foresight.*	Master of St. Thomas' Hospital, *Southwark.*	Certify that Hugh Worts, a seaman on board, has been very ill since the last engagement, and not being able to proceed in this expedition, request that care may be taken for his recovery.	51
„ „	Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks money to pay his men, they being mostly pressed, and having much due to them. Is again ordered to sea, and there is much discontent amongst them, and some refuse to sail without payment.	52
„ „	Thos. Tanton, *Woodbridge.*	„	Sends particulars of the progress made in the two frigates building there - - - -	53
„ „	Wm. Ford, *James, Sole Bay.*	„	Sends the muster books which have been delayed by his being continually at sea - -	54
„ „	Giles Reason and Lowrie his wife.	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to Captain Robert Blake of the Hampshire to release him from his duties as cook's mate, having an estate left to him in Pembrokeshire in right of his wife, for recovery of which in law his attendance is absolutely necessary. Certified by his counsel, Rob. Kelson.	55
„ 9	Simon Orton and 3 others.	—	Certify that Robert Woods is an able gunner, he having served as gunner's mate in the Phœnix, and as quartermaster in the Charity, where he was wounded.	56
„ „	Capt. Jeremiah Barker, *Elizabeth.*	Robt. Blackborne and the Adm. Com.	Sends journal of his proceedings journeying from Woolwich to the Texel and the Fly, with letters, &c. for the fleet, and then back to the Thames.	57
„ „	Capt. Roger Marten, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The damage done to the Bristol has been made good, and she will be ready to sail on Wednesday to follow the instructions of the Generals. Desires the vessels he is to convoy may be ordered to meet him between the Isle of Wight and Beachy.	58
„ „	Capt. Jas. Cary, *Great Charity, Spithead.*	Navy Com^rs	Has come in with the Raven, as the beer stinks, which has caused many of the men to fall sick and others to run, and the butter and other provisions are as bad as they can be. Desires order to the victuallers for a fresh supply, as he has to convoy some ships to the Downs.	59
„ 10	Nich. Mitchell, *Victory of London, Sole Bay.*	„	Sends account of his musters - - - - - - - - - -	60
„ 11	Sam. Hawkes, *London.*	„	Recommends Jno. Hudleston, late steward of the Paragon, as steward of the Westergate -	61
„ „	„ „	„	Recommends John Loes, his surgeon in the Westergate, for an allowance for medicaments -	62
„ „	General Geo. Monck, *Resolution.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Capt. Purefoy, who displayed much courage in the last engagement with the Dutch, for the command of one of the Dutch prizes fitting out.	63

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July 11	Sa. Slater - -	Major Robt. Thompson.	Asks his assistance in obtaining payment of what is due to John Darvill, a member of their church, for services rendered at the hazard of his life.	Vol. 56. 64
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will contract with the bearer, who has been hired by Mr. Smith to carry masts, cables, &c. to Harwich for the fleet. Will observe their orders as to the carpenter of the Foresight. Will send away the Nonsuch this tide; wonders at the unwillingness of the pilots to serve; but for the coming up of Saml. Stroude from Newcastle, would not have had a pilot to go down with her.	65
„ 12	Capt. Rob. Thorpe -	Ant. Wells	Request for payment to Edw. Cox of 13*l.* 19*s.* for ropes and twine for the Red Heart pink. Receipted.	66
„ „	Capt. Hen. Maddison, *Mary prize, Hope.*	Major Salway.	Has all his provisions and men, and when the surgeon and orders arrive, shall be ready to sail to the fleet.	67
„ 13	Navy Com. -	Adm. Com.	Have examined the petition and certificate of David Young, lieutenant of the Amity, and as he cannot be relieved out of the chest, and as he has been in 3 engagements with the Dutch, and lost 3 fingers of his right hand, recommend him for 25*l.*, as an encouragement to others to hazard life and limb.	68
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Victuallers.	To provide and send a quantity of beer at the rate of 46*s.* a tun, and a proportionable quantity of water forthwith to the fleet.	69
„ „	Capt. Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	NavyCom^rs	In his brother's absence, has examined into the pressing of sailmakers for Chatham, and sends particulars. The crew of the Convertine are very urgent for tickets for 2 or 3 months' pay. Has victualled several ships by petty warrant, to preserve their sea rations; a clerk of the check ought to attend in harbour to see the victuals issued. The Heartsease having come into dock, her men ought to be transferred to other ships. The Worcester, Half Moon, and 3 others will soon be ready.	70
„ „	Capt. Fras. Appleby, *Hopewell, Yarmouth.*	„	Both his and the rest of the victualling ships have been to the fleet in Southwold Bay, and delivered their lading, except the beer, which was so bad they would not receive it; not knowing how to dispose of it, has put in here, where all his company, save 4, have been pressed from him. Waits orders.	71
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Account of the state of the ships and how many have gone to the Hope. The Worcester is ready, but wants her three months' victuals and stores, and the Convertine and Welcome will be ready next week. Asks whether to transfer the company of the Heartsease to the Worcester.	72
„ „	„ „ -	NavyCom^rs	To the like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	73
„ „	Margaret Harris -	Adm. Com.	Petition for relief. Her husband, Valentine Harris, was wounded in the left thigh in the engagement with the Dutch at Leghorn, under Capt. Fisher, of the Mary, and has since died, leaving her with two children and much in debt. With certificate of Benjamin Fisher and 3 others in support thereof.	74, 75

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1653. July 13	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on the north coast and convoying ships to Yarmouth, where he found the Unity with a prize and 3 vessels she had rescued. Has given notice to General Monck of 7 men-of-war being on the coast; intends sailing northwards according to instructions.	76
„ „	Edw. Stourton, clerk of the check.	—	Account of victuals on board the Heartsease, when the company went into petty warrant at Chatham.	77
„ „	Methusala Harris, once glasier at *Deal Castle.*	Col. Rich	Petition for a place as steward to one of the State's ships. Was appointed to the Westergate, but another person has intercepted him.	78
„ 14	Thos. Lewis, victualler.	—	Accounts of provisions required in the John Bonadventure and 11 other ships named, to complete their proportion to October.	79, 80
„ „	Jno. Cruso, dep. clerk of the check, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - -	81
„ „	Thos. Brooks -	Adm. Com.	Recommends Geo. Tye as a steward, he having served the State in the field, and being a man of good repute.	82
„ „	Wm. Jarrett -	Navy Com^rs	On order from Vice-admiral Lawson, has brought his ship, the Golden Oak, into the Hope. Asks directions.	83
„ 15	Thos. Wilkes -	—	Inventory of stores and provisions on board the Searudder of Euchuysen - - - -	84
„ „	Thos. Scott, master attendant, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants a boatswain and some men for the Rosebud and Pelican prizes fitting out for the service -	85
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send the preceding letter, and desire the officers required may be appointed - - -	86
„ 16	Rich. Webb -	—	Account of the lading of the Sampson and 3 other prizes, consisting of masts, deals, spars, and tar.	87
„ „	Capt. Roger Marten, *Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Supposes the Old Warwick will take in the 200 men pressed by Mr. Mills, but if not, he and the Lily will receive the remainder at Falmouth and bring them to London.	88
„ „	Capt. John Taylor -	„	Desires order to pay Mr. Rider for 50 loads of timber purchased by his son for the new frigate building at Wapping, Rider offering to give security to repay it to the State's account if he should be adjudged not to be the owner.	89
„ 19	Capt. Wm. Jackson, *Dover Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Has been plying about the Channel, but has not met with any of the enemy or any intelligence of them. Has had much discontent in the ship respecting the provisions, which has arisen either through the steward's knavery or carelessness; thinks the place requires a more honest man than either him or his mate. Note that he is to examine the men, and certify.	90
„ „	Hen. Nicholson, *Hull*	–	Receipt for 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for freight and transporting water to the fleet for 2 months at 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per month.	91

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1653. July 19	John Reeve, *Scarborough.*	Ant. Wells of *Hull* for the Navy Com^rs	Contract for the Employment of Scarborough, 120 tons, to carry provisions to the fleet at 50*l.* a month.	Vol. 56. 92
„ „	Jere. Smith, *Advice, Hull.*	Navy Com^rs	Has fitted out his ship, and will make all speed to the Generals of the fleet - - -	93
„ „	Geo. Kendall, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends John Higgins as boatswain of the Pelican prize at Woolwich - - -	94
„ „	Thos. Heath, *Brazil, Dover Road.*	Navy Com^rs	As his contract has expired, has come from Harwich, and desires they will order money to be paid to the owner, Edw. Bushell, to discharge the men's wages.	95
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Asks directions for the Pearl and the Martin, both come into Dover and needing repair - -	96
„ 20	Wm. Sheldon -	[Navy Comrs.]	Desires another carpenter for the Catherine prize, as the former is absent without leave, and there is much work to be done.	97
„ „	Christ. Pett and Manle Cullis, *Woolwich.*	„	Recommend William Watkins as a master carpenter, he having served in several merchant ships and in the State's yard.	98
„ „	Rich. Meade, *Discovery, Portsmouth.*	„	Desires an order to his captain, who is in London, to indemnify him for the 3 weeks' provisions supplied to 163 pressed men on their voyage to Portsmouth from Bristol.	99
„ „	Jno. Haselock, *Resolution, off Camphire Down, coast of Holland.*	„	Has appointed the two surgeons from London, Smithes and Hasler, to the Rainbow and Andrew, their former ones being deceased.	100
„ „	Sam. Raven -	Adm.Com^rs	Petition for the place of master shipwright at Chatham, which Capt. Taylor intends to lay down. Served as carpenter in the Antelope, and as foreman at Woolwich Dockyard. With certificate in his favour by Chris. Pett.	101, 102
„ „	Thos. Smithsby -	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires the money may be made payable to Capt. Rawleigh, Mr. Parnee, one of the sheriffs of Norwich, or Rich. Allison; wants the order to-morrow.	103
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Inclose a note from the clerk of the check at Woolwich, and desire order therein. Mr. Shewell being in town will attend them respecting some abuse done to the press-master at Bristol while pressing men, for which some men are still in prison.	104
„ „	„ - -	„	Desire a speedy supply of money to purchase hemp, masts, iron, &c., and to satisfy those who have already furnished goods, there being great complaints on account of their bills being long overdue.	105
„ „	Capt. Thos. Garnett, *Feversham.*	Edw. Marston.	Has brought in 4 prizes and left them for his owners to dispose of. Is going to sea and will soon send accounts.	106

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July 21	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com[rs]	Have ordered the hemp on the Fruit of Holland to be delivered into the stores; having order to deliver the Hope to Col. Robert Lilburne, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, ask whether the State will have the tar that is in her.	Vol. 56. 107
„ „	Fras. Appleby, *Hopewell, Yarmouth.*	„	Delivered all the provisions to the fleet, except the beer, which was so bad that they would not receive it, and after impressing his men, they turned him off to go where he could. Having but 4 men and a boy, was forced into Yarmouth Haven. General Monk has] ordered Mr. Welborne and Mr. Tompson, who also had bad beer, to return it to the victuallers at Hull; begs an order for clearing his ship of it.	108
„ „	Gen. Geo. Monk, *Resolution.*	Adm.Com.	Asks a bill for paying Capt. Anth. Earning of the Reformation for powder, shot, and match had of him for the service,	109
„ „	Capt. Roger Marten, *The Bristol, near Falmouth.*	„	Has been cruising off the Lizard, and meeting the Dolphin of London, with wool and iron from Bilboa, conveyed her to Falmouth. Has received the pressed men from Capt. Mills and will carry them to Portsmouth. Asks how long to wait for the East India ships.	110
„ 22	Rich. Marsh -	Comr. Pett	Hopes he will fulfil his promise of procuring him a warrant for the boatswain's place of the Westergoe, to which he appointed him at Chatham.	111
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vesey, *Truelove, off Plymouth.*	C.O.S. -	Has come in by order of Col. Deane, and as there are two ships with ammunition to be conveyed to Portsmouth, will see them there with the first wind.	112
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com[rs]	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	113
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Marigold has taken in all her provisions, and on the appointment of a clerk of the check, will be ready to sail. The Falcon has been fitted for sea, and Capt. Yates requires a renewal of his commission.	114
„ „	„ - -	[Ordnance officers.]	Send an account receipted for 44*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* by Rich. Cullen for ordnance, and an account of carpenters' and gunners' stores received of Thos. Green, clerk of the check, with an order to him by Rob. Thomson and John Limbery, 11 Oct. 1652, to ship such stores for the use of the fleet.	115–119
„ „	Capt. John Sherwin, *Plymouth.*	C.O.S. -	Sends account of 40 tons of arms and ammunition received from the Hopewell at Liverpool. Is ordered to convoy some ships eastward; desires an order sent to Portsmouth, then to come to London to discharge.	120, 121
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com[rs]	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	122
„ 23	Capt. Ro. Thorpe -	„	Has been plying on the north coast, by order of the General, for some Dutch private men-of-war that have done some hurt to the colliers, and has come in to tallow. Desires an order to the victuallers at Hull for victuals, guns, and ropes.	123
„ 25	John Cruso, clerk of the check, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrival and departure of ships named - - - - - - - - -	124

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1653. July 25	——	—	Account of stores of all descriptions at Chatham in the State's storehouses; also estimate of provisions, &c. required.	125
„ „	Bailiffs of Yarmouth	Navy Com^rs	Desire that 125*l.* 4*s.* disbursed by order of the Council of State for sick and wounded men brought on shore may be paid to Jno. Rayner, merchant of London, who will furnish the account of particulars.	126
„ „	William Ames and 6 others, *Barking.*	Lieut. of the Tower.	Desire the release of Sam. Charsly, master of the Andrew of Barking, and of John Hudson, fisherman, who have been impressed for the Nonsuch.	127, 128
„ „	Hen. Johnson, *Blackwall.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks payment of the 3rd instalment on account for building the Fairfax and Speaker frigates, or cannot proceed with the works.	129
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Beg consideration of a letter from Mr. Johnson, shipbuilder at Blackwall, who is building large frigates, asking for money on account.	130
„ 26	„ -	„	Have conferred with Capt. Badiley on the petition of Mary, relict of John Frebury, late surgeon of the Bonadventure, and as his chest, instruments, and books were valued at 40*l.*, recommend 10*l.* more for her and two children.	131
„ „	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	Navy Com^rs	Most of the pitch, tar, and hemp brought in by Capt. Wetwang have been sold, but Wm. Ramsden and Geo. Crowle have some which may be purchased at rates mentioned. The merchants are much troubled at being stayed in selling their commodities after reducing their prices.	132
„ „	Capt. John Taylor	„	Particulars of a survey of the Paragon. Desires a supply of furnaces - - - -	133
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has appointed Fras. Pointer clerk of the check on the Little President, and desires confirmation as the ship is ready to sail.	134
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Nicodemus, Dover Road.*	Adm. Com.	While plying in the Narrow, met two vessels, and boarded one laden with square stones, which had been taken by a Flemish man-of-war off Dungeness. Has brought her into Dover, and will now ply between there and Calais.	135
„ „	James Sack, *Harwich*	Navy Com^rs	Has drawn another bill for 100*l.* on the Commissioners for Prize Goods, and desires it may be met, having disbursed that amount for sick and wounded men. Begs they will consider as to augmenting the allowance to 7*s.* per week each man. There have been 140, but some are discharged.	136
„ 27	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Desire order to the Lieutenant of the Tower to provide 200 men to be sent to the Worcester and 4 other ships named in the Hope.	137
„ „	„ - -	„	There are great demands for nails, locks, furnaces, and other ironwork at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Deptford, which Mr. Leatherland, the contractor, cannot supply for want of money, there being 5,000*l.* due to him; ask some course for his relief and supply of the stores.	138
„ „	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires orders as to the disposal of 40 tons of munitions of war that he has on board; also some consideration for his long voyage, being out of stores.	139
„ „	J. Humfrey -	—	Certifies that Jno. Hole, merchant of London, is fit to be clerk of the check. With note by Wm. Sheldon to Robt. Blackborne that there is one wanted for the Swiftsure.	140

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July 27	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Little Charity, Texel.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends the muster book prepared by the clerk of the check, by the General's order - -	141
„ „	Simon Arrowsmith, clerk of the check, *Little Charity, Texel.*	„	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	142
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Gravesend.*	Robt Blackborne.	To request the Admiralty Committee to order the Lieutenant of the Tower to impress what seamen he can by to-morrow night.	143
„ „	Capt. Robert Vesey, *Truelove, Spithead.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has come in by order of the Generals, with Capt. Sherwin and some convoys; asks whether to go with Sherwin, who is laden with ammunition for the Downs.	144
„ 28	[Capt. Hen. Hatsell]	—	Note of the disposal on 5 ships of the 200 soldiers sent on to the Hope - - - -	145
„ „	Capt. Willm. Kendall, *Success, Hope.*	Navy Com[rs]	Asks for men, as he has not received any of those who were pressed and sent down to the Westergate by Captains Wildey and Hathwell. Cannot find the master of the Charity.	146
„ „	Henry Turner -	Adm. Com.	Petition for fresh employment. Was corporal for 28 months in the Constant Warwick, and having laid an information against the officers for misdemeanors, was ordered to wait in town to support it, and lost his appointment. Noted that he be appointed corporal to one of the ships.	147
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Has been on board the victuallers between London, Gravesend, and the Hope with Capt. Hatsell; particulars of ships, &c. The beer and provisions on board the Thomas and John are bad, and some course ought to be taken respecting them.	148
„ 29	Navy Comrs. -	Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey, Whitehall.	Will do all they can as to paying the soldiers sent, but dare not sign their tickets, it being contrary to express order; have got their clerk to cast up what is due on their tickets, and beg he will procure an order for payment, as the clamour of the women at the office for want of it is great.	149
„ „	„ - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Have not received any order from the Admiralty Committee to sign tickets, although several women have been to them, asserting that it has been sent.	150
„ „	Robert Manley and Thos. Wilson.	—	Examined account of Geo. Conyers, purser of the Vanguard, for victuals received and issued between 4 June and 30 Aug. 1651.	151
„ „	„ „ -	„	Like account of the same while purser of the Paragon - - - - -	152
„ „	John Leopard -	Navy Com[rs]	Desires they will sign his ticket for wages due as corporal of the Heartsease under Capt. Thos. Wright.	153
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vesey, *Truelove, Spithead.*	„	Has received the pressed men from the Old Warwick in the Thames, and will carry them to the Hope, and convoy two ships laden with linen, wool, and iron from France, &c.	154
„ 30	Capt. Wm. Kendall, *Success, Hope.*	„	Desires 50 seamen may be sent on board, as those pressed by the Lieutenant of the Tower have been sent to the Westergoe, and they have supplied him with 50 soldiers more, halt, lame, and boys newly taken up, who never fired a musket; had 15 soldiers on board before, but not 10 seamen.	155

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July 30	Navy victuallers -	—	Account of 5 ships laden with water and 10 with beer for the fleet - - - - -	156
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell -	—	Note of ships in the Hope and at Woolwich which want seamen, soldiers, and provisions; suggestion that the victuallers should dispatch victuals, the Lieutenant of the Tower be ordered to press the seamen, and the Lord General be asked for the soldiers wanted.	157
„ „	„ „ -	—	List of 6 ships and 7 victuallers which have sailed to the fleet from Lee Road, and particulars of their lading.	158
„ 31	Capt. Roger Marten, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Came in with the Smyrna Merchant and 3 others he met in the Channel. The beer on board stinks; has no clerk of the check. Has 40 supernumeraries on board, and desires order as to their disposal.	159
„ „	Lieut. Valentine Tatnell, *Advice, London.*	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Osman Frood of the Advice for relief. He brought up a prize taken on the coast of Holland, and on returning to the fleet in the Amity, was taken ill, and is now lying in much poverty at the Blue Anchor in Gravel Lane.	160
„ „	Jas. Webb, boatswain, *Gillyflower.*	—	Account of money expended in impressing men at London, Gravesend, the Hope, and Lee Road; also paid to Capt. Hen. Fenn, the commander, for press and conduct money.	161
July	Jer. Smith - -	Ant. Wells	Requests for payments of bills prefixed on behalf of the Advice frigate. With receipts thereof, 19–26 July. [14 papers.]	162–175
„	Valentine Tatnell, jun., mariner, *Dover.*	Adm. Com.	For command of the Rosemary. Has served 5 years as master or lieutenant of the Advice and hazarded his life in desperate engagements. With certificate by Wm. Cullen, mayor, Col. Thos. Kelsey, and Thos. White, 15 July 1653.	176, 177
„	Wm. Ames and 3 others.	Lieut. of the Tower and Comr. Waterton.	Certificate that John Wood of Barking, master of the Joan fishing vessel, was pressed into the Nonsuch, 25 July.	178
„	Sam. Trippet, mariner	Adm. Com.	Petition for a boatswain's place; was faithful through the wars, and was in the engagement with the Dutch in the Straits. With certificate to his courage and conduct by Capt. Rich. Badiley, 15 July.	179, 180
				Vol. 57.
Aug. 1	John Cruso, deputy clerk of the check, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Capt. Odey has sailed southward, and the Swan, Sparrow, Unity, and 10th Whelp, northward, with 200 sail under their convoy. It is reported from Dunkirk that an engagement took place with the Dutch fleet last Friday, and did not end until last night.	1
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have referred Robert Lee, who lost his right arm while in the Leopard, for relief to the chest; but recommends him for 10*l.* more, as he lost his clothes in coming overland from Leghorn.	2
„ „	„ - -	„	Send a request to them from the captain of the Success, but as the matter is entrusted to the Lieutenant of the Tower, desire directions.	3
„ „	John Carter, *Deal* -	Navy Com^rs	The Mayor of Sandwich agreed to provide lodging for sick and wounded seamen, but declined to disburse one farthing; having paid as far as he is able, desires either to be discharged of the business or to have some money. Asks warrant for the assistance of the garrison soldiers in impressing seamen, as they hide and run to avoid serving.	4

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Aug. 1	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Will meet them to-morrow at Woolwich at 1 p.m., about a dock there. Thinks the fleet has been engaged since 2 a.m. yesterday, as the guns have been heard very hot; this is confirmed by a letter from Deal.	5
„ 2	Wm. Jackson, clerk of the check, *Sampson, Portsmouth.*	„	Has been fitted, and is taking in the provisions. Asks a further allowance for the sick and wounded on board, and for victuals consumed while in harbour.	6
„ „	Capt. Rob. Thorpe, *Red Heart pink, Hull.*	„	On the 30th ult., took a French vessel with wine and other goods belonging to Dieppe, and bound for Scotland, and delivered her up at the Prize Office at Hull. Asks an order to Col. Overton, the Governor, to supply him with guns.	7
„ „	Fras. Lucas and 3 others, *Portsmouth.*	—	Account of 4 unserviceable ships and sundry stores - - - - - - -	8
„ „	——	—	Like account, with list of stores required on 4 July - - - - - -	9
„ 3	——	—	Like account and demand for Deptford, and for a frigate building at Woolwich - - -	10
„ „	——	—	Survey of serviceable stores at Deptford - - - - - - -	11
„ „	Wm. Burton, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com[rs]	Desires order to Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, to pay a bill he has drawn on him in favour of Samuel Cooper for 400*l.*, as he has to lay out money daily for the ropemakers and others; also an order about the sailmakers.	12
„ „	Capt. Robert Vessey, *Truelove, Hope.*	„	Has delivered the 34 pressed men received at Portsmouth to Capt. Hatsell, who put them on board the Elias. As his ship is out of repair and victuals, is going to Deptford.	13
„ „	Capt. John Sherwin, *Primrose, Hope.*	„	Has brought the pressed men from Portsmouth; asks orders as to their disposal, and about his ship; has no beer, and only 4 days' provisions.	14
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Presumes they are refreshed by the news of the victory over the deceitful and proud enemy, and will forward all letters received from the fleet. Has put 80 recovered men on boord the Merlin and another vessel at Ipswich, and taken 50 out of the Concord, whom he has sent to the fleet; several vessels with beer, &c., are ready to sail. The beer sent from London is not good. Received the letters of credit upon the Collectors for Customs, and will be as careful as possible to keep down expense.	15
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com[rs]	Desires order to Mr. Needler, surgeon, how to dispose of some wounded seamen that he has brought up with him into the hospitals.	16
„ 4	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Having heard from Gen. Monk of his intention to come in to Southwould Bay with the whole fleet to fit and recruit, asks a supply of stores, and will give the ships all possible despatch.	17
„ „	John Gregorie, clerk of the check, *Reformation.*	„	Muster roll of the ship, 1652–3 - - - - - - - - -	18
„ „	Robt. Matkey, *Exeter Merchant, Yarmouth.*	„	Having lost his masts in the late engagement, and lost the fleet, has come in for orders - -	19

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Aug. 4	John Hudleston -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be retained as steward of the Paragon; with certificate of Capt. Rich. Badiley and Anth. Watts, in his behalf.	20, 21
„ „	Rob. Close and John Whetstone.	—	Certificate that 9 officers and 15 men named, behaved valiantly when the fire-ship attacked the Triumph, so that she was put off without great damage to the ship.	22
„ „	Constance, widow and administratrix of Rich. Hopkins.	Adm. Com.	Petition for relief. Her husband, as eldest son, would have had most of the estate of his sickly father, aged 90, had he lived. With certificate by Capt. Rich. Badiley, that Rich. Hopkins of the James and Bonadventure lost his life by falling down the hold while in Leghorn, and left a wife and 5 children.	23, 24
„ 5	Capt. John Taylor -	Navy Com^rs	Recommends the bearer for employment as master of a hoy, and an order to the storekeepers to contract for the hire of the hoy.	25
„ „	Capt. Saml. Windis, *Gravesend.*	Lieut.-Col. Thomson.	Has been ordered to Chatham, been at much expense in shifting sick men from the Primrose to the Nightingale, and paid 190*l.* for pilot'swages; he desires the Commissioners will sign some tickets, and deliver them to his wife, so that she may receive the money and pay it where it is due.	26
„ „	Capt. Roger Marten, *Bristol Frigate, near the Whidick.*	Adm. Com.	Having no beer, has taken some out of the Nicodemus, as also a pilot, and sent her to the Downs to hasten the Black Raven and Pearl to the fleet, and will quickly follow.	27
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Asks for cables from Chatham for the hulk and two other ships, or must have new ones made at Woolwich, to prevent danger.	28
„ „	Capt. Hump. Fellsteed, *Marigold, off the Texel.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the papers found on board a Hamburg ship, laden with pitch and tar, and taken on the coast of Holland. Has been looking for the English fleet, but unsuccessfully.	29
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To order payment to Lieut.-Col. Fras. White for his disbursements for cloth, &c. for the soldiers of Col. Goffe's regiment, sent to the fleet, seeing defalcations made from their pay.	30
„ 6	Major N. Bourne, *Resolution, off Dunwich.*	Adm. Com.	As the Generals wrote that they are sending ships into Harwich, thought it best to go down and prepare for them. As there is a great want of masts in the fleet, desires some may be sent down to Harwich with all speed; being sensible of their scarcity, will piece all he can. Will be at Harwich to-morrow, and hasten the fitting out of the 20 frigates ordered in.	31
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect as the latter part of the above - - - - - - - -	32
„ „	Capt. Rich. Pettock, *Hare pink, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	While lying off Dunkirk, chased 4 Dutch ships, and got two on shore, but one escaped; has brought the other, laden with French wines for Holland, into Dover.	33
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Repair and fitting out of ships; regrets they lay so long in the Hope, after leaving Chatham. Hopes the recent victory over the Dutch will prove beneficial to the nation.	34
„ „	Capt. Ra. Grundy, *Guinea Frigate, Sole Bay.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the muster books, with particulars of powder used in the engagement with the Dntch. Wants instructions to survey the powder, to prevent deceit.	35

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Aug. 7	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm.Com.	The Arms of Holland and the Primrose have come in to repair their masts, and as they may be refitted in a few days, asks whether the crew shall be kept on board. There are several ships in the Hope, waiting for victuals. The shot come to hand is not fit for English ordnance, nor for any Dutch ordnance in the present ships in service; will not, therefore, send it to the Hope.	36
„ 8	John Cruso, deputy clerk of the check, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	37
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan Frigate, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	Is taking in some good for bad beer, and will then repair to Hull, to tallow and revictual. Account of boatswain's stores required, having been at sea 9 months.	38
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm.Com.	Has just returned from the fleet plying between Aldborough and Dunwich, and as there are 20 frigates ordered into Harwich to repair, will set all wheels to work to give them despatch, if he can have supplies. Will leave the business of prisoners till the Commissioners come down.	39
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^rs	As 30 ships have been sent in with their masts, yards, and rigging much shattered, has sent particulars of their wants, and desires the stores needed, as also a surgeon for the Reserve, and recruits for his chest. Requests that a guard may be stationed at Rumford and Bow Bridge, to arrest all seamen that come that way, or many will escape.	40
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Cannot obtain the cables needed for the hulk from ships in the river, and unless they are supplied, the ships and frigates will run much danger.	41
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	„	To make out an order to pay the lodging, diet, and cure of a petitioner, not named, if what he says be true.	42
„ „	Thos. Orton, clerk of the check, *Sophia, Aldborough.*	„	Has been ordered into Harwich by the General to refit with expedition, his masts, hull, and timbers being much damaged in the last engagement. Saved 10 men belonging to the Oak, when she was fired, the rest having previously escaped. Particulars thereof.	43
„ „	Edw. Atkinson, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Both himself, Mr. Barnes, and the Ipswich surgeons have been full of business, there being 300 wounded men put on shore. Hopes to be better furnished and able to make a report very shortly.	44
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	Send a paper from Mr. Bonnel, Commissary to the Queen of Sweden, respecting 120,000 lbs. of shot, and 47 tons of iron in the Fortune of Sweden, at Portsmouth, and desire orders to contract for it.	45
„ 9	Christ. Pett and Manle Callis, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of the Phœnix. The repairs and fitting out will amount to 291*l.*, and will take a month to execute. With short-hand notes on the finding of a new channel by the Trinity House. [*See p. 97 suprà.*]	46
„ „	Capt. John Wetwang, *Newcastle.*	Adm.Com.	Has convoyed 70 colliers into the roads, and 7 vessels with provisions from Whitby to London, and waits orders to sail northwards with others. Took a Dutch freebooter, with a ketch, and delivered them to the Prize Office at Scarborough. Wants powder and shot. The Swan and Amity have gone southward with a fleet of laden ships.	47

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Aug. 9	Nich. Danzie, surveyor.	[Navy Comrs.]	As the ship building by Wm. Graves is planked up to the lower wale, desires a third payment, according to contract.	48
„ „	Wm. Crispin, *Assistance, between the shore and the Whittaker.*	„	Being ordered by the General to bring his ship to Deptford for repairs, asks orders for masts and other stores.	49
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm.Com.	Has sent 40 tons of old arms brought by the Primrose from Ireland to the Tower. The Hound has come in to recruit her masts; asks directions as to the victualling of her crew, and 17 Dutch prisoners on board. Has sent two hoys laden with masts, yards, &c. to the fleet.	50
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com[rs]	Desires that 500*l.* may be imprested to Mr. Mapstone for carrying on works in hand; wants an order for purchasing timber in Kent for repair of the Paragon, Fairfax, &c.	51
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Several merchant ships have come in from the fleet for provisions, also the Hampshire to repair her masts. Desires that the stores demanded may be hastened down. A vessel has arrived from Norway with masts; has written Major King at Wapping about buying them.	52
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been on board the Mathias in the Hope, but could not distribute the soldiers, as they had not arrived; will do so to-morrow, as they are in the river. Is despatching the ships with masts, &c. to the fleet, and going to Chatham and back to the Hope on that business, and will return to Whitehall by Saturday.	53
„ 10	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm.Com.	Send extract from Major Bourne's letter desiring that a guard may be stationed at Bow Bridge and Rumford for attaching seamen, and request that it may be complied with.	54
„ „	„ - -	„	Desire order to the Navy Treasurer to send 1,000*l.* to John Poortmans, deputy treasurer of the fleet, taking the receipt of the commander of the ship conveying the same.	55
„ „	Stephen Clifton, *Bristol.*	Navy Com[rs]	Desires order to Thos. Shewell of Bristol to recruit his medicine chest, as surgeon of the Paradox	56
„ „	Edm. Casson, *Algiers*	Navy Com.	Sends the names of freed captives embarked in a ship for England, some of whom will attend upon them. Does not intend to lodge any more in his house, as some of them have been troublesome.	57
„ „	Josh. Green, Mayor and 19 Aldermen, &c. of *Lynn Regis.*	Adm.Com.	Desire that Captains Sanson and Edw. Mould may be continued as convoys to the coal fleet, as by the decay of trade there are many poor, and scarcely any other means for their existence. If trade be lost, there will be general poverty thereabouts, and a great loss to the State of the imposition of 2*s.* a chaldron on coals, their port being a magazine of coal and salt for 9 counties adjacent.	58
„ „	Capt. Jas. Cadman, *Pearl, Dover Road.*	„	Convoyed some vessels to Calais and the coast of France, and has been plying to and fro for pirates. Has taken in the remainder of the beer, and will observe their orders received through Capt. Martin.	59
„ „	Jas. Beacon, *Bath* -	Navy Com[rs]	Thanks for 20*l.*, and sends account of disbursements in effecting his cure. Begs a further supply	60
„ 11	Wa. Ettrick, *Stockton.*	Robt. Blackborne	Asks the result of applications to the Commissioners for his removal. Col. Lasscells, M.P., would speak on his behalf. Lost a good friend by the death of Mr. Dawson.	61

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Aug. 11	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Mathias, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships between Deptford and the Hope, and of stores required. Lieut.-Col. Mill has arrived with the 1,000*l.* and delivered it to Capt. Gethings. Will distribute the soldiers amongst the ships when they come down.	62
„ „	Capt. Sam. Howett, *Speaker, The Swale.*	„	Being much damaged in the late engagement, was ordered in to Chatham by the General for repair. Asks how to dispose of 10 Dutch prisoners, taken in the engagement.	63
„ „	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Has sent and is sending sails, cordage, &c. to Harwich. Wants the survey book of the Primrose	64
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have not, as supposed, been negligent in despatching provisions to the fleet; the labourers and others have worked from daylight to daylight and on the Sabbath day also, and all is now on board. Several merchant ships have come into Harwich for repairs, but the place is not adapted for it; suggest that they should be discharged.	65
„ „	Jno. Davies -	—	Account of masts and other stores shipped in the Good Hope flyboat at Deptford for the fleet at Harwich.	66
„ 12	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Speaker, Duchess, and Sapphire, have come in for repair, and as they have several prisoners, desires order respecting them; also dispatch of the victuals, stores, and men, as the Generals complain of the long detention of ships in the Hope for want of them.	67
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Sampson, Dover Road.*	„	Has taken in 5,612 round shot by order of Mr. Green, and will sail to the fleet at Southwould Bay with all speed, but requires cables and anchors, being ordered to lie on the coast of Holland.	68
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Have no power to grant relief to Patience, wife of Dan. Mariner, wounded while in the Levant merchant at Leghorn, and know not what her husband received of Chas. Longland, the agent there, towards his cure and expenses.	69
„ „	Capt. Robt. Seddon, *Mayflower, Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster book and particulars of his proceedings while at sea, in convoying vessels to the Welsh coast, Ireland, Cornwall, the Scilly Isles, &c.	70
„ „	Step. Harrison -	Ant. Wells	Receipt for 42*l.* for freightage of provisions to the fleet - - - - - -	71
„ 13	Capt. Jno. Harman, *Welcome, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Intercedes on behalf of his company, who are again going to sea without payment of arrears; as many have wives and families, and nothing to leave, has given them tickets for 3 months' pay.	72
„ „	Capt. David Dove, *10th Whelp, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Hearing there were some Holland men-of-war upon the coast, sailed towards the north, but having lost his cable and anchor, was again forced into the roads, and brought in a Danish ship laden with deals. Since then has convoyed the light and laden fleet to and from Newcastle, and been cruising about for pirates. Wants victuals and stores. The Sparrow brought in a small free-booter to Newcastle.	73
„ „	Capt. Saml. Tavernor, *Deal Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Could not deliver his letters to Capt. Godfrey or Capt. Leager, as they are both sailed to the fleet in Sole Bay; will keep them till their return, unless a man-of-war is going that way; there is only the Hare pink in the Downs.	74

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Aug. 13	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Drake, Dover Road.*	Adm.Com.	Has been on the coast of Holland, and convoyed some vessels from Ostend to London and Dover. Is the only man-of-war left, the others having gone to the fleet, and if he were to leave, there would be no passage for any vessel, there being so many small men-of-war in the Narrow. Will keep that station until further orders. All his beer stinks, and what is brewed at Dover will not keep sweet 10 days; the men are so dissatisfied that they forsake the service.	75
„ 14	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	There are 45 sail of ships and frigates sent in from the fleet, and their shattered condition requires a large supply of masts, &c. Will use all diligence to dispatch them, but will be prevented if not properly furnished. Mr. Pett is with the fleet, where there is a great want of good beer, most being defective.	76
„ 15	Navy Comrs. -	„	Have contracted with the Swedish agents for the iron, tar, &c. at Portsmouth. With account by Thos. Hopwood of cables, anchors, and other provisions shipped on the Anne hoy of Rochester, to be transported from Deptford to Harwich for the fleet.	77, 78
„ „	„ - -	„	Send a request from the Commissioners for Prize Goods not to charge any more bills upon them for payment, as the Commissioners for Inspecting Treasuries are only entrusted therewith. Ask if they are still to give allowances to widows and orphans of men slain in the service; any obstruction in this business will occasion much trouble to the afflicted.	79
„ „	General Geo. Monck, *Resolution, Aldborough Road.*	„	Wants a bill to be made out to Capt. Thos. Thorowgood of the Crescent, for payment of some powder and shot, had of him for the use of the fleet.	80
„ „	Capt. Jonathan Hide, *Hound, Chatham.*	„	Wants a clerk of the check and a steward, as his have died. The carpenters have not yet commenced on his frigate, being engaged by Capt. Taylor on the larger ships.	81
„ „	Capt. Jno. Topping, *Tyne Castle.*	Scoutmaster General Downing	A Holland man-of-war has taken two small English vessels, laden with provisions for Scotland, and they are standing to sea. 17 vessels sailed on the 12th, and 18 others on the 14th, 3 being Hamburghers. There are 2 Holland men-of-war hovering. Will give notice of the enemy at the chief harbours in Scotland.	82
„ „	Joseph Whiting, clerk of the check.	NavyComrs	Wants medicines and necessaries for the surgeon's chest of the Violet, she having 180 men -	83
„ 16	Richard Popplet and Nich. Phillips, bailiffs of *Ipswich.*	„	Have 900 sick and wounded seamen under their charge, and in a few days will owe nearly 1,900*l.* for provisions, medicine, &c. Asked for 2,000*l.* when they sent their accounts, and unless provided at once, can do no more.	84
„ „	Geo. Lilburne, *Haberdasher.*	Adm.Com.	Petition for the place of clerk of the check in the Speaker, as through the deadness of trade and several losses, he is compelled to seek other employment. With certificate by Wm. Elwood and 4 others in his favour.	85, 85*a*

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Aug. 16	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has received some of the stores, but is waiting for masts. Is sorry that a company of soldiers is to be removed, as they are a great assistance in keeping the crews in order; desires an order for those quartered at Colchester to scour the country, which is full of stragglers, and to command them to their duty. With list of ships fitted and being fitted out.	86
„ „	Walter Strickland, Thos. Kelsey, and Jo. Carew, *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	Acquainted the General with the condition of the Channel, and he has ordered the Old Warwick and Pearl to ply there for protection of trade. The 1,100 and odd barrels of powder and shot will be far from sufficient for the fleet; desire further provision, and also some beer.	87
„ „	Gen. Monck, *The Resolution.*	Capt. Wm. Godfrey of the *Old Warwick.*	To ply between Portland and the Isle of Wight, securing trading ships, and giving account to the Council of State, Admiralty Committee, and himself. The Portsmouth victualler to supply him with victuals.	88
„ „	„ „ -	Capt. Jas. Cadman of the *Pearl.*	Like orders to ply between the Start and Land's End - - - - - -	88
„ 17	Jno. Carew and Thos. Kelsey, *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	The remainder of the ships and provisions for the fleet have arrived, but as some of the beer is defective, a further supply is needed, and also gunners' stores. The Nicodemus is going to ply in the Channel with the Pearl, in place of the Old Warwick, and the James is ordered to Ousley Bay to set her masts.	89
„ „	R. Creed, *Resolution,* [*Aldborough*].	Robt. Blackborne	The beer lately arrived is very defective and insufficient; the General desires that 700 tuns more of water may be at once dispatched to the fleet, and he will make a beverage with such wine as he has. Hopes soon to see a good squadron ready to sail for the Texel, under the conduct of the rear-admiral, until the Resolution and James can be got ready.	90
„ „	Capt. Jno. Harman, *Diamond.*	Navy Com^rs^	Being appointed by the General to command the Diamond, wants surgeon and chest - -	91
„ „	Navy Victuallers -	Adm. Com.	Have sent 198 tuns of beer to the fleet, with other provisions, and hope to send some more next week, but not having fit vessels, desire an order to the officers of the blockhouses at Gravesend to stop all hoys fit to carry beer.	92
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	As there are 4 ships of considerable force in the Channel, lately arrived from Brest, which have already taken two vessels, and intend intercepting the trade between Bristol and Ireland, hopes such directions will be given to the men-of-war lying at Plymouth and Falmouth as will soon remove them; the Signet and Paradox, who have gone down to discover pirates, will not be able to fight them.	93
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Has been unable to see to the repair of the merchant ships, having so much to do with the frigates and others, and the waiting for masts has caused delay. Has surveyed some, and as their contracts are just out, they require much repair, and the owners decline to assist, suggests they should be discharged.	94

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1653.				Vol. 57.
Aug. 17	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	In reply to Capt. Coppin's petition, it is evident the Elizabeth and Anne was lost in the service, but the State is not obliged to compensate the owners, and it is not proved that 400*l.* is due for freight. Capt. Coppin has already received 600*l.*, 200*l.* which was due to him as captain of the Speaker, and 400*l.* as a gratuity for his wounds; being ignorant of his deserts and losses by the revolt in Kent, must refer the case to them.	95
„ 18	Gen. Monck, *The Resolution.*	Angel Emott, *Merchants' Adventure.*	After receiving some prisoners, he is to sail to the Thames and report his arrival to the Council of State or Admiralty Committee, who will give further orders. Noted to repair to the Rear-Admiral of the fleet, and receive prisoners from him.	96
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *Nonsuch, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the ship with ammunition for Scotland, and those with provisions for the fleet as soon as they arrive. Is turning all his defective beer overboard, and will take in that by his side in the morning. As much of the beef and pork is very bad, must have it all surveyed.	97
„ „	Capt. Wm. Godfrey, *Warwick, Downs.*	„	Left the fleet in Aldborough Bay, and is going westward to cruise between Portland and the Downs, by order of the General, as a guard. Cannot impress any men, as there are but few ships in the Downs, and those slenderly manned. Has not needed nor drawn the 10*l.* in the hands of the Lieutenant of Deal Castle.	98
„ 19	John Davies -	—	Account of masts, sails, pitch, tar, &c. delivered out of the stores at Deptford, and shipped in the Primrose for Harwich for the fleet.	99
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have considered the petition of the mariners of the Sampson, and examined Mr. Longland's accounts, and advise 10*l.* to Jas. Gray, master's mate, 7*l.* to John Garrard, steward, and 5*l.* to Wm. Lee.	100
„ „	„ -	„	Send an application enclosed of Major Robt. Manley and Thos. Wilson, clerk of the check and clerk of the victuals at Tower Hill, 21 July 1653, for an increase of salary, and recommend that it be granted, as their duties are much heavier, and as Manley was recommended for an increase by the Navy Commissioners in 1649.	101, 102
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for news. Will take care to accommodate Parliament Joane [Eliz. Alkin], and take order for Capt. Newman's widow. The work will soon end, and all the officers are weary of it, and secretly grumble; does not study to please them, being only anxious to discharge his duty.	103
„ „	„ „ -	Adm.Com.	Account of ships repaired and dispatched to the fleet, as also of those remaining, and the work required; desires leave of absence on its completion. Has had a difficulty in keeping down the mad and savage spirit of the seamen on shore, and had to prevail with the Governor of Landguard Fort for 40 soldiers, and Capt. Whitelock at Colchester to double his horse guard 2 miles from them, but many have gone, and cannot be found when the ships sail; hopes to accomplish the business, if the party of horse arrives.	104
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Aldborough.*	„	Has been on board the Resolution, where all is well, but several other ships were damaged and gone into Ousley Bay. Hopes they will be repaired in time to sail with the rest of the fleet to-morrow.	105

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1653. Aug. 20	Lieut. Sam. Tavernor, *Deal Castle.*	Col. Rich	Recommends a widow with 7 children for relief. Her husband [Thos. Trice] was a valuable pilot for the coasts of Holland and Flanders, and lost much in the Kentish rebellion, through holding with the better part. [See Aug. 22.]	Vol. 57. 106
„ „	Capt. Nat. Cobham, *Newcastle frigate.*	Navy Com^rs	Has come into Harwich to be repaired and refitted; particulars of wants, having been ordered by the General to take in sufficient for 3 months, and then sail for Portsmouth.	107
„ „	Capt. David Dove, *10th Whelp, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been convoying colliers to and from Newcastle. Met the Constant Warwick with 3 prizes. Will want provisions and stores at the end of the month.	108
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	As the victualler promises 18 ship loads of beer for the fleet within the time allotted, and as the wine has gone up in price, has no body for making beverage, and will not give general satisfaction, thinks it should be sold, and the proceeds applied towards public affairs. Is hastening the repair and dispatch of the ships, but the masts sent for the Assurance are too small. Desires orders touching the Entrance and other merchant ships.	109
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Aldborough.*	„	Has been on board the General. 3 or 4 vessels have arrived with cordage, sails, &c., and if the rest of the ammunition, beer, and fishes for masts timely arrive, the business will be dispatched by the middle of the week. The George is under sail with 30 ships and frigates; will use all expedition to get the rest away. Has arranged with Mrs. Bence as to quarters for the ministers, Mr. Jesse and Mr. Simson.	110
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Burlington Bay.*	„	Has been plying between Yarmouth and Newcastle, and convoying various vessels. Chased a man-of-war from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but he escaped. Heard there were 11 Dutch East Indiamen gone towards the Sound, and 600 or 700 of their busses between Buffin Ness and the Bar of Newcastle. If he had a better sailing ship, should be able to give some account about prizes. Is going to Hull to tallow and victual.	111
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne	Received his letter. Has observed the orders of the Navy Commissioners and been plying northwards, but having only 13 days' victuals, by direction of Gen. Monk is making for Hull, where he will be glad of a few more lines.	112
„ „	General Monk, *Resolution.*	Masters of the Andrew, Triumph, and Rainbow, and Carpenter of the Resolution.	To survey the damage done to the Globe by being run into by the Halfmoon; with their report, 24 Aug., that the damage amounts to 116*l.*	113
„ „	Chas Walley -	Robt. Blackborne	The 30,000*l.* has been shipped on board the Nightingale, and she sailed for Dublin on the 14th instant. The Channel is infested with pickeroons which much hinder trade.	114

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1653. Aug. 20	Navy Victuallers -	Adm. Com.	Hear from Capt. Limbery that 600 tuns of beer will suffice the fleet to Oct. 1, and that the ships in Aldborough Bay will be supplied with 200 tuns from Lynn. Enclose list of ships with 425½ tuns of beer on board; will dispatch the water with all speed.	Vol. 57. 115, 116
" "	" " -	"	Particulars of victuals remaining at Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Hull for 4,287 men for 6 months; also of what has been and has to be issued when the fleet comes into port.	117
" "	John Kent and 11 other workmen, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	Beg consideration of a petition enclosed; hope Mr. Green has given an account of their demands, and of what is due.	118
" 21	Thos. Wright, *Heartsease, Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne	His ship is out of the dock, but the men having been turned over to other ships, asks a fresh supply; also an order to go down to the Hope for men and provisions.	119
" "	Anth. Rivly, mariner.	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment as a master; with certificate by Capt. Joseph Cubitt of his having served in the Tulip as master for 7 months.	120, 121
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	"	Account of ships and frigates refitted and sent to the fleet, and of those remaining in dock; particulars of beer sent to the fleet by the victuallers. Suggests that the wine in hand should be sold.	122
" 22	Navy Comrs. -	"	Desire an order for erection of two small houses in the yard at Portsmouth, to accommodate some of the officers, whose living on the place would be beneficial to the service. They live a mile away in Portsmouth, which being a garrison town, they can only go in and out when the gates are open.	123
" "	Wm. Smythson, *Horsleydown, shallop.*	"	Has come in from the North Foreland to revictual, and will then return. The Drake has gone through the roads into the Downs with two prizes, as also the Pearl, having spent her topmasts.	124
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Cannot relieve Joan, sister of Hen. Beckett, blown up in the Bonadventure, on her petition, as the Act of Parliament only provides for widows, orphans, and impotent parents.	125
" "	John Treleague -	"	Petition for assistance, having lost all his books, instruments, clothes, and money by the burning of the Oak in the last engagement against the Dutch, in which he was a midshipman. With an affidavit to the same effect.	126, 127
" "	Wm. Hempson, *Harwich.*	"	Was sent down to examine the state of the fleet as to their victualling, and finds it, by the great care of the contractors, in very good condition. The remainder of the beer will be speedily supplied.	128
" "	Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	List of ships and hoys dispatched with beer to Harwich to the fleet, and list of those discharged -	129
" "	Thos. Gage, minister, the churchwardens, and 13 others of *Deal.*	"	Certificate in favour of Anne, widow of Thos. Trice, late of Deal, pilot. Her husband having been pressed as pilot to the General, he lost his private employment, and his widow, who has 7 children, lost all her estate in the late rebellion in Kent.	130

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1653. Aug. 22	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	On the petition of Rich. Hughes, surgeon of the Samuel Bonadventure, for remuneration for being instrumental in regaining the Phœnix from the Dutch, recommend that he be allowed 25*l.* for his services, and as an encouragement to others.	131
„ „	Thomas Hall -	Navy Com^rs	Having been employed by them in refining brimstone, desires their favour for another quantity which is to be done.	132
„ 23	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Hull Road.*	„	Has been plying between Yarmouth and Newcastle, and chased two men-of-war of 8 and 12 guns, but they got away; has now come in to tallow and revictual.	133
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Having taken on some seamen to rig the Fairfax, asks what they are to be paid daily; whether Sunday is to be included, and whether standing officers and their servants are to be continued on the ordinary, or entered into rigging wages. Also how he is to distribute the money impressed by Mr. Hayward, to avoid clamour. Begs that the Mayor of Rochester may be reimbursed his charges in lodging and providing for 8 or 10 Dutch prisoners. With notes of reply; 9*s.* a week per man allowed.	134
„ „	G. Crompton, *Tilbury Fort.*	„	Has stayed several vessels for the service, and sent them up the river, according to order; as the time for staying more has expired, asks how he may be further serviceable.	135
„ „	Rich. Mill, *Plymouth*	Adm. Com.	Wants a frigate sent to take in 150 able seamen he has impressed, either the Lily or Hopewell pink at Plymouth; the Lily has just convoyed in 2 Virginia ships.	136
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Hull.*	„	Has come in to tallow and victual, and will then return to sea. Capt. Salmon is here, bound for Hamburg, and Capt. Thorpe for London. Saw 3 men-of-war on the coast, who were much emboldened through his heavy sailing.	137
„ 24	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Has surveyed the Princess Maria, Duchess, and Arms of Holland, they cannot be fitted out under a month; asks whether to proceed with the work, and transfer their crews to the Speaker, Heartsease, and Sophia, who all want men. The Paragon and Fairfax have also to be fitted.	138
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	139
„ „	„ „ -	„	Recommends the gunner of the Bear for employment in the Truelove or some other ship; he was in both the late engagements, and is well known for his ability.	140
„ „	Rich. Hill and Robt. Turpin, *Prize Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Send Mr. Mercer to give particulars required respecting some shot not delivered into the Tower with the rest.	141
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *Nonsuch.*	—	Bill of expenses in entertaining the Portuguese Ambassador and his retinue, from his shipment at the Gallions, July 28, until his arrival in the Hope, Aug. 24. Total, 67*l.* 13*s.*	142
„ „	Capt. Thos. Spurling, *President.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will write the victualler at Plymouth to call the steward and his brother who was purser to account for their deficiencies in the victuals and stores, as although much of the beer and victuals were bad, there has been some embezzlement. The steward pretends the rats have eaten his books.	143
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have considered the petition and accounts of the Watermen's company, and as they have exceeded all former precedents in their disbursements for pressing 1,000 men, and been allowed 72*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, cannot recommend further allowance.	144

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1653. Aug. 24	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have ordered the refitting of the Tulip and considered as to the disposal of the crew of 54 persons, but as the captain has returned 21 as officers, 4 boys, 9 grometts, and 14 sick and wounded, thought good to send his account.	Vol. 57. 145
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to send down medicaments to-morrow by the Convertine to the General on board the Resolution. With note for Mr. Cooke, apothecary of Tower Street, to provide the drugs.	146
„ 25	Capt. Saml. Howitt, *Speaker, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has been waiting for the victuals, ammunition, and stores, and as soon as they arrive, will sail to the Hope. Having left 60 of his men with the fleet, desires order to take the same number from the ships at Chatham.	147
„ „	Giles Heather, *Princess Maria, Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Being appointed clerk of the check in the Princess Maria in place of Edm. Wormell, sends the muster book.	148
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Thanks for their care in procuring money of the collectors at Ipswich; will prosecute it, as money will be much wanted in 4 days. The frigates will be ready to sail to-morrow, except a few named; hopes by next week the business will be ended. Will then return to London.	149
„ „	Ant. Skinner, *Plymouth.*	Thos. Smith	Asks payment of 34*l.* for freight of the Mary hoy, employed to carry provisions to the fleet; though failing to catch Gen. Blake, she delivered the goods at Plymouth. Would not have importuned, but the seamen's wives are daily at his door for their husbands' wages, they being since taken and the hoy gone.	150
„ 26	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send letter from Capt. Taylor, master shipwright at Chatham, and as it is of concernment, desire they will give order.	151
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Hull Road.*	„	Has had his ship tallowed, is taking in guns and provisions, and will be ready to sail on Monday. Capt. Salmon has sailed to Hamburg with his convoy, and Capt. Thorpe is waiting for a convoy for London.	152
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Gravesend.*	„	Has been on board the Convertine in the Hope, and as she has no captain, nor much of her provisions, has sent messengers for them, or she will not be ready to sail for several days. Has ordered the captain of the Nicodemus to convoy the two hoys with ammunition which have come down for the fleet. Capt. Wm. Swyer of the Samuel desires orders as to the disposal of of 8 Dutch captains and 42 other officers he has on board as prisoners.	153
„ 27	Valentine Tatnell, *Rosebush, Deptford.*	„	Recommends Theop. Smithes for the carpenter's place on board the Rosebush, the one appointed not having appeared.	154
„ „	Jno. Falkener, *Tower*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has laden a vessel of 60 tons, and it will fall down the river with this night's tide - -	155
„ „	Capt. Jas. Cadman, *Pearl, Portland Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying westward, and having lost his masts, was forced to put into Dover Road. Desires orders at Plymouth.	156

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Aug. 27	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is requested by Mr. Hill, employed by them to prevent embezzlements, to acquaint them with miscarriages there. Geo. Aldridge, steward of the Heartsease, has disposed of 9 tuns of beer, as also some pork and peas, and it is believed the clerk of the check to that ship is confederate. There are several ships now ready to sail but want men, and others will be ready in a month.	157
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Aldborough.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the favourable acceptance by them and the Council of State of his services in fitting out ships; particulars of the state of others named. Mr. Jesse and Mr. Simson arrived on board the General in time to officiate in the general Thanksgiving kept on Tuesday, and then went to Yarmouth. Is coming to London next week, and will view 3 or 4 bargains of timber fit for the Navy on his way home.	158
„ 28	Ant. Joyne, *Convertine, Tilbury Hope.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has received the wood and will sail, but has no ships to convoy, as all are gone to the fleet -	159
„ „	Robt. Kirby, *Sophia, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Left Chatham on Saturday, but has not received victuals or stores, and wants 90 men, having left 50 with the fleet.	160
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^{rs}	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	161
„ „	Capt. Saml. Howitt, *Speaker.*	„	Left 60 men with the fleet, and was ordered by the General to get a fresh supply in the Thames; as he will soon be ready to return, desires order to take some out of the Princess Mary, Hound, and Crow; also an order to Mr. Sewell to supply him with 40 old muskets, taken out of the Scotch boats.	162
„ 29	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Desire their decision as to increasing the staff and pay in the Navy office, as the business has so multiplied they will otherwise not be able to get through it. Have examined the complaints against Peter Beal, clerk of the survey at Portsmouth, as to aiding in the embezzlement of stores, and think him guilty of gross neglect.	163
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Aldborough.*	„	Has just left the General under sail, with 13 or 14 ships. A prize has come in with oil, and a ketch with a packet from Rear-Admiral Lawson. The fleet has had some very severe weather; the Victory and Mathias are ordered into Ousley Bay for repairs with 10 or 12 prizes; ships run very great hazard on that shore at this time of the year.	164
„ „	Valentine Tatnell, *Rosebush.*	„	Has been waiting 6 days for his provisions to come down, and for lack thereof the company cannot do anything. Wants Theop. Smithes for his carpenter, as no one has yet arrived.	165
„ 30	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Mr. Wood, mastmaker, much complains of the scarcity of masts in the river, as also of the scarcity of stores at Deptford. The time draws on for the arrival of the New England ships, the loss of which would be a public one, and as there are several of the enemy's men-of-war lying at the mouth of the Channel, hopes they will consider and provide accordingly.	166
„ „	John Webster, *Exeter Merchant, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^{rs}	On 29th July engaged with the Dutch fleet until night, both fleets keeping together until next day, when they separated through the wind, but engaged again on the Sunday; having neither masts, sails, nor a rope left, being all shot by the board, and lying a perfect wreck in the sea, thought it best to stand for our own coast, and is now waiting orders.	167

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1653.				
Aug. 30	Edw. Mundy, *Woodbridge.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends agreements for purchase of 400 loads of timber. Has 150 or 200 loads at the waterside and will send it into the stores as fast as he can. Has drawn a bill upon them for 500*l.*, payable to Hen. Cosins, grocer, at Ipswich, and desires payment.	Vol. 57. 168
„ „	Jonathan Hide, *Hound, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Desires a lieutenant's commission for Barth. Peartree, master's mate, as he is destitute of one, as also a supply of men and guns.	169
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Hull.*	„	Has taken in the remainder of his provisions, and is going to sea with 16 laden ships, some for the fleet and the rest for London; will endeavour with Capt. Thorpe to see them safe to Yarmouth Roads and Sole Bay.	170
„ 31	Navy Comrs. -	„	Have considered the reference on the petition of Elizabeth Colson, and think the 40*s.* already given sufficient, being as much as to any others in like cases.	171
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Has been to General Monk and conferred with him on several affairs, and is now hastening the dispatch of the remnant of the fleet. The weather is boisterous. Particulars of the state and wants of ships named. Capt. Jefferson has gone to London without leave, and left his ship like a wreck, notwithstanding his promise to the General.	172
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has brought the Princess Maria into dock; the works on other ships have been somewhat hindered by delay in sending nails and other provisions. The Crow has arrived, but her men and those of the Crowned Lion should be discharged, as not ⅓ ever appear to do service in the harbour.	173
„ „	Capt. Thos. Spurling, *Little President.*	C.O.S. or Adm. Com.	Desires not to have the name of command of a squadron, unless he can have the substance, not the shadow. Wants the Lily and the Pink, as his present weak condition makes him weary of the employment; requests his state may be made known to the Generals.	174
Aug. ?	Navy Comrs. -	[Adm. Com.]	Chris. Pett and Jonas Shish report that Isaac Ewell, undertaking to make a dock at Woolwich, should have 561*l.* for it. Beg their allowance.	175
	———	—	Account of the number of tuns of beer required for 47 ships named to complete their proportion to 1 Oct. 1653. Total 1,003 tuns, of which 230 can be had at Ipswich for such of the ships as are at Harwich.	176
„	Robert Rose -	[Adm. Com.]	Petition for a purser's place in the Victory or some other ship, having served for several years in the George and Reformation, and as steward in the Victory; was badly wounded in the last engagement. With certificates of Capt. Thos. Adames of the George, Capt. Anth. Earning of the Reformation, Lawrence Wise, preacher to the navy at Chatham, and Phin. Pett, Chatham, and Nath. Browne and Jno. Hemeng of the Victory, in his favour.	177–181
„	John Partrick, apothecary.	„	Account of medicaments supplied to seamen belonging to ships named, between April and Aug. 1653, amounting to 12*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*	182
„	Capt. Rob. Thorpe -	Ant. Wells	Requests for payments of bills prefixed on behalf of the Red Hart pink, 6–16th August. With receipts thereof. [13 papers.]	183–195
„	Capt. Thos. Wilkes	„	Like requests and bills for the Swan frigate, Aug. 26 and 27 - - - - -	196, 197

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1653.				Vol. 57.
Aug.	Moses Harding -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be gunner on the Princess Maria. Has served in Ireland, and behaved well in several engagements with the Hollanders. With certificate by Capt. Peter Norham and 4 others, 7 Aug. 1653.	198, 199
„	Maurice Thompson and 7 others, Capt. John Bourne and 19 others.	—	Certificates on behalf of Dan. Baker, who has served as boatswain and master's mate, and was severely wounded in the fight off Portland and in the late engagement of 29 July 1653.	200, 201
				Vol. 58.
Sept. 1	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes to launch the Fairfax and Paragon out of dock in 3 weeks. Many ships have come in to repair, and all have many seamen, which the ships ready much want; if some were turned over, it would ease the charge, and prevent disorders amongst them.	1
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Gen. Monk, on the *Resolution.*	Account of ships going out and refitting. Is jaded by the sluggish spirit he finds. Is going to London for 10 or 12 days to obtain a further supply of stores, and on his return, will prosecute further commands. Has sent masts and a long boat.	2
„ „	Thos. Reader, *Dover Castle.*	Col. Rich, *Somerset. House.*	Begs his influence on behalf of the wife of Christ. Perken, of Dover, pilot of the James, who has come up with a petition for the redemption of her son, in miserable captivity at Tripoli, where he has been tortured to turn Turk.	3
„ 2	Hen. Scobell -	Adm. Com.	Hears from Mr. Bradshaw, Resident at Hamburg, of the great havoc the Dutch capers make in that river, and as the burgomasters take no care to keep the river free, the English trade will much suffer unless some course is taken. Recommends Mr. Ducie for employment in the Augustine.	4
„ „	Wm. Wildey, *Assistance, Hope.*	„	Has shifted 30 men out of the Nonsuch into the Assistance and Sapphire, so that those two are ready to sail had their gunners' stores arrived; particulars of other ships in the Hope. Desires order for paying the seamen some money to leave with their families, and to obtain necessaries, before going to sea.	5
„ „	Jonathan Randall, *Whitehall.*	Major Burton.	Solicits his influence as a Norfolk gentleman, born at Norwich, to hasten the hearing of his charges against Capt. Robert Vesey before the Admiralty Committee, as the Navy Treasurer has cast aspersions upon him through misinformation; no man can prove anything against him, and no man has received more abuse from his commander than he.	6
„ „	Capt. Joseph Jordan, *Vanguard, Nore.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Being so much injured in the last engagement, was ordered up to Chatham by the General, and upon survey his ship was found not fit for service. Met the Victory coming up with 3 prizes.	7
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	8
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will move the Admiralty Committee as to the disposal of 30 Dutch prisoners put on board his ship by order of the General.	9
„ „	John White - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for allowance of the expenses of his cure. Was sick long after he was discharged from the Andrew, but the Navy Committee could not pay him because the service was in 1652. With certificates of Chris. Bronker and of Step. Arden and Wm. Woodworth thereto, 3 and 8 Aug. 1653.	10–12

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Sept. 2	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Advise, on the preceding petition and certificates, that Jno. White be allowed 10*l.*- - -	Vol. 58.
„ „	Thos. Meech -	—	Account of serviceable and unserviceable anchors at Chatham. Endorsed: "Mr. Hayward's note of stores."	13 14
„ „	Major Robt. Thomson.	Adm. Com.	Desires order to the Ordnance officers to pass the accounts of Mr. Greene of Dover, for stores supplied by him to the fleet.	15
„ 4	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Victory, Quinborough.*	„	Being ordered by the General to Chatham for repair, and having 70 Dutch prisoners on board, asks how to dispose of them. The Mathias and the Black Raven are also coming in with several prizes; has desired them to report to the Collectors for Prize Goods on their arrival in the Hope. Thirty prizes have been lately taken, 2 being West India men, of great value.	16
„ „	Capt. Wm. Crispin, *Assistance, Hole Haven.*	„	Has received the remainder of his victuals and stores, and will sail to-night for the Downs; the Sapphire and Hector sail to-morrow.	17
„ 5	Jno. Cruso, deputy clerk of the check, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrival and departure of ships. Prizes are brought in daily, one with wine and another with sugar and tobacco, estimated to be worth 20,000*l.*	18
„ 6	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	As there is a quantity of firewood on board the prizes in the river, will appraise and deliver it, if they think fit to use it for the fleet.	19
„ 7	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send certificate of Christ. Pett, Capt. Wildey, and Jonas Shish, that the Augustine prize is unfit to be made a man-of-war.	20
„ „	„ -	„	Send a letter of concern from Wm. Shipman, of Aldborough - - - - -	21
„ „	„ -	„	Send certificate by Chris. Pett and Jonas Shish, of a survey of the prizes Bear, Falmouth, and Stork.	22
„ „	„ -	„	On the petition of Robt. Midgly, had allowed him 5*l.* as a free gift, but considering his extraordinary care and diligence in assisting the surgeon of the Paragon in dressing of 50 or 60 wounded men, advise 5*l.* more.	23
„ „	„ -	„	Desire a convoy for the Daniel and Good Intent, laden with water for the fleet. With order therefor, 8 Sept.	24, 25
„ „	„ -	„	Send estimate by Isaac Ewell and others for making a dry dock at Woolwich, with apron, sides, and gates, total, 594*l.*; with report by C. Pett and Jonas Shish that it should cost 361*l.* Desire speedy order therein, as it is a work of necessity. With reference to the Council of State, 10 Sept.	26, 27, 27*a.*
„ „	Ri. Hatter, *Westminster.*	Robt. Hayes.	Recommends Geo. Firbancke for the office of Solicitor to the Navy Commissioners - -	28
„ „	Peter Scutt - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will forward the petition of Mrs. Button to the Admiralty Committee, as her husband lost his life, and goods worth 100*l.*, in the Sampson, when it sank. If the wet weather prevents Mrs. Mildmay coming to town, begs he will let her business go forward; sends the names of her sureties.	29

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Sept. 7	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	The Fairfax may be launched by Thursday if needed, and the Paragon in 14 days. The Vanguard has come in; has sent the 30 prisoners she brought up to London; the Rainbow is in sight. Encloses certificate by the clerk of the check of the badness of the beer; wants deals, nails, &c.	30
„ 8	Thos. Wodyer -	[Blackborne.]	Hears that his bill for carriage of sails from London has only been signed for 4*s.* per 100 instead of 5*s.*, because Mr. Otway alleges that was the price his father charged, but then oats were 1*s.* 4*d.* a bushel, which are now 2*s.* 6*d.*, hay 1*s.* 6*d.* a truss, now 2*s.* 6*d.*, and beans, for which he paid 8 groats, are now 5*s.*; would rather lose the work than take 4*s.*	31
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com[rs]	Desires they will order the Treasurer to pay his bill of exchange, although they have not a letter of advice from Mr. Mill, as he has their own letter of credit; has directed Mr. Powell to tender it again, being anxious to get home.	32
„ „	Capt. Peter Strong, *Rainbow, Chatham.*	„	Has come in by order of the General, and awaits orders - - - - - - -	33
„ „	Capt. Wm. Fox, *Swan, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Sends muster books. Has convoyed 23 sail to Orfordness, and as he is going northwards, encloses the boatswain's demands, and desires they may be sent to Hull or Newcastle.	34
„ „	———	—	"The new list" of ships, viz., 73 belonging to the State, 52 prizes; 5 fire-ships, 7 victuallers, and 4 hulks for careening. With the names of the commanders, and numbers of men and guns in each.	35
„ 10	David Hechstetter, *Hamburg.*	—	Account of 56 masts laden on board the Katherine of Hamburg, and 58 on the St. John the Baptist, by order of Rich. Bradshaw, agent there.	36
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm.Com.	Wants a convoy for a ship going with cables, anchors, sails, &c. for the fleet. Has sent some pilots and ketches, as desired by the Generals when he was with them in Aldborough Bay. The two Navy Commissioners have returned for London.	37
„ „	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com[rs]	Desire a survey of the Yagher, *alias* Hunter, a dogger boat at Newcastle, taken from the Dutch; if she is not fit for the service, they will put her up for sale.	38
„ 11	John King, *Mermaid, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Was commanded by General Monk to accompany Capt. Roger Martin of the Bristol, with a squadron to the northward, and then convoy some prizes taken by them to a safe port, but has been parted from the prizes by foul weather, has lost his sails, and is damaged. Met the fleet off the Spurn last Wednesday, the Resolution with 45 sail. Will land 47 prisoners, and then come up to Harwich.	39
„ 12	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	„	Send account of disbursements for clothes for sick and wounded men, to be defalcated from their pay, if the men are to pay for them.	40
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Recommend the petition of a female employed in the Navy Office for assistance - - -	41
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com[rs]	Account of ships in petty warrant in the Hope. The Pelican has 76 men, 26 being watermen from the Tower, whom the captain wishes discharged. Has 3 sick men from the ships.	42
„ „	Math. Meade - -	„	Desires that no wages may be paid John Heath, late master of the Renown, and now serving in the Worcester, till he has cleared himself of having received bribes, and of having cleared men contrary to the Act.	43

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1653. Sept. 12	Capt. Ant. Archer, *Fortune, Kingsroad.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants repairs, masts, and stores, also sails, for lack of which he lost 4 prizes on the Irish coast. The bad victuals have caused much sickness, and 9 have died. The money for sick and wounded is all expended, and more.	Vol. 58. 44
„ 13	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Had turned over all the able seamen and soldiers to the Speaker, Primrose, and Hound, and sent some pilots, ketches, and a supply of buckets for baling to the Generals (the late dreadful storms suggesting they would be needed) before receipt of their order; the ships would have been in the Hope but for contrary winds. Desires a convoy for a ship with cables, anchors, and sails for the fleet.	45
„ „	Jas. Perrott, *Maldon*	Major Thompson.	Desires a survey of the works on a ship building; objects to the plank not $3\frac{3}{4}$ in. thick that is being used. The surveyors have ordered him not to give the builder a ticket for his advance until all is finished. Wants some money paid to Mr. Stokes.	46
„ „	Rich. Cooper - -	Major Bourne.	To stop payment of Powell Phillips of the Essex, now dead. Was forced to pay 40*s.* for him, and being in prison for a small debt, begs a ticket for that amount of Phillips' wages.	47
„ 14	Jas. Brooke - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Is sorry to see ignorant and unworthy landmen, who know nothing of a ship, employed before others more efficient and deserving; has often complained of it, as well as of the badness of the provisions and water, but could get no help. Hopes they will see to it, as he has no power in it.	48
„ 15	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have caused a survey to be made of the Stork prize, and as she is unfit for service, desire that she may be employed as a hulk at Deptford to careen ships, set masts, &c., and that the one there may be sent to Harwich.	49
„ 16	Eustace Smith, And. Rand, and Jno. Edwin, *Ouseley Bay.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received directions from Major Bourne to sail from Harwich to the coast of Holland, to look after the fleet, but hearing from Capt. Robt. Salmon that it is much dispersed by foul weather, and the General separated from it, waits further orders.	50
„ „	Edw. Smith - -	Deputy Treasurer of the Fleet.	Receipt for 10*s.* for the breaking of his mainmast in bringing ballast in the Resolution. With order for payment by Gen. Rob. Blake.	51
„ 17	Capt. W. Vessey, *Tynemouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has been compelled to come in through the storm, and cracked masts, and was forced to throw 4 guns overboard to save life, he and his men swimming upon the deck as though in the sea, but is now in a good condition again, and will sail on Monday. Capt. Cracknell is in the harbour with 2 prizes, and will sail with him. Will look after the [Dutch] busses if weather permits, but if not, for the fleet. Had taken a private man-of-war with 58 men, but lost her in the storm.	52
„ „	Richard Edisbury -	Thos. Smith.	Desires his interest on behalf of Geo. Aldrich, steward of the Heartsease, accused of selling some provisions; hopes this is unfounded, and the young man, being something bashful, cannot speak for himself.	53

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Sept. 19	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Ask directions as to settling with the owners of several merchant ships engaged by contract for 6 months or more, which have come in before the expiration of their time.	54
„ „	„ - -	„	Send letter of Capt. Jno. Taylor of 16 Sept. recommending Jonas Shish for the place of master shipwright at Chatham, but think it would prejudice the service to remove him from his present employment in the river.	55, 56
„ „	„ - -	„	Finding there are only 200 tons of hemp in the stores, although the demands from the several yards are for 2,800 tons, have contracted for 1,100 tons, to be delivered by January, and will contract for all they can, as also for masts. Desire order to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to send up a ship at Harwich laden with anchors, &c., as they are much needed, and for a ship of hemp at Newcastle to be sent to Yarmouth.	57
„ „	Prize Comrs. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Have no power to order any ship up from the port it is brought into, but if they will send the order, will appraise the hemp and flax on board the ship now at Newcastle; will also appraise the anchors, &c. at Tower Wharf and elsewhere, and deliver such as are fit for the service.	58
„ „	Jonas Shish and Ambrose Dinnison.	„	Have viewed 400 spruce deals belonging to Thos. Corbet, and find they range from 28 feet by 19 inches, and from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick.	59
„ „	Robt. Seddon, *Mayflower, King's Road.*	„	Sends muster book. Has cleaned, and taken in 3 months' victuals, and is sailing for Kinsale. Wishes his steward could give a fair account of what he has received, but he is very careless.	60
„ „	Thos. Vallis, *Harwich*	„	Has come in by order of Gen. Monk to be refitted and victualled; as Major Bourne has gone to London, desires order for repair of his hull, and for supply of sails, boatswain and carpenter's stores, &c.	61
„ „	Saml. Bridgewell, clerk to the bailiffs of *Great Yarmouth.*	—	Account of clothes, linen, &c. delivered to sick and wounded men belonging to ships named between 12 and 19 Sept.; total, 19*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*	62
„ 20	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Tynemouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Capt. Thorpe and himself have seen 23 laden ships safe from Hull to Sole Bay and Orfordness, on their way to London, but many were damaged in the storms. Account of disbursements for tallowing, &c. Desires payment, and a supply of boatswain and other stores.	63
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sent away all the anchors and cables this place could afford to the fleet long since, fearing the many late storms would occasion great loss in those things; if the ships do not arrive in a day or two, will send the cables required. The Speaker and Hound are in the Hope, and the Primrose will shortly follow. Has turned over the men from the great ships to those in the Hope, and as their money is stopped, hopes they will remain.	64
„ 21	Navy Comrs. -	„	Have conferred with Major Bourne as to hiring a storehouse at Harwich for keeping provisions, and he has found one very convenient, which the proprietor desires to sell. Asks to treat for the purchase, as it is a very great pennyworth. Desire a convoy for three ships bound for Gottenburg for hemp.	65
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Account of ordnance and gunners' stores supplied to the Merchant Adventure, Defence, and Four Sisters, noting what has been expended, and what remains.	66

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Sept. 21	Prize Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Will send the Red Heart at Harwich to London, and such necessaries in her as are fit for the navy shall be appraised and delivered.	67
„ 22	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Asks whether the Black Raven at Queenborough is to be docked at Chatham or Deptford, and what is to be done with the 160 men and prisoners on board.	68
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send surveys by Chris. Pett, Jonas Shish, and Manlie Collis, of the mast yard and dock at Deptford, noting repairs and alterations required; also a survey of old ships' boats, anchors, and other unserviceable provisions there and at Woolwich.	69–72
„ „	Wm. Burton, *Whitehall.*	Navy Comrs	Desires they will sign a bill of 70*l.* to Jno. Wallington, on account of the freight of a ship he took up to carry provisions to the fleet.	73
„ „	Capt. Andrew Denis, *Great Charity, Downs.*	„	When he arrived from the coast of Holland, sent them an account of his men, which he then thought a just one, but finding by his book that it was erroneous, has sent another.	74
„ „	Rich. Kerby and Jno. Baker, quartermasters; Jno. Stouther, midshipman; David Ward, cook; and Edw. Warren, seaman.	Adm. Com.	Petition for relief, having lost all they possessed by the sinking of the Hunter fireship in the engagement with the Dutch on 31 July last. With reference to the Navy Commissioners. Also 5 certificates of Capt. Jno. Bowrey on their behalf.	75–80
„ 23	Navy Comrs. -	„	Report on the said petition that as 40*s.* was allowed to each seaman of the Oak, and proportionably to their pay to the officers, the same should be granted for the Hunter's men.	81
„ „	Capt. Stephen Pearse, *Mathias.*	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Ratcliffe.*	Has sent up his mast, and is unlading the stones and taking in one hoy of ballast, of which he will soon be ready to take in 100 tons. Asks if hoys have been taken up for that use. As his men cannot get leave of absence, some have swam on shore, and are not to be found, and the soldiers are now set to watch on the poop and forecastle. Desires leave to go to Dover, on business so important that he would rather lose his employment than neglect it.	82
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Desires some officers may be sent down to clear the Augustine prize of her guns, cables, &c., as he cannot proceed with the fitting of her as a victualler until they are removed, and she is yet in custody of the Prize Office.	83
„ „	Simon Arrowsmith, clerk of the check, *Little Charity, Dover Road.*	„	Sends up 2 muster books, and hopes the two former have arrived; desires instructions if they prove deficient.	84
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Cannot get on with the fitting of the Fellowship hulk for Harwich for want of men, but the boatswain has gone to try and procure some on board wages. The Stork still lies below Woolwich, for want of help. The Tulip also is to come on shore to grave; her beer and provisions will be wasted for want of a steward; the boatswain of the Fox seldom appears, although much wanted.	85

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1653. Sept. 24	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Nore.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has been on board the General; as he intends for Queenborough, he will have no need of the water ships in the Hope, but only of one with beer. The Kentish frigate having arrived off Upnor Castle, and the others likely to be there by Monday, hopes the pay will meet them, so as to ease the charge.	Vol. 58. 86
„ 25	Nich. Foster, *Golden Fleece.*	„	Is lying off Erith, having come in by order of the General. Asks how to dispose of 44 Dutch prisoners, one of whom was captain of a private man-of-war and has much prejudiced the commonwealth.	87
„ „	Anth. Young, *Eagle, Gravesend.*	„	Is going up to Erith, and asks how to dispose of his ship and crew - - - -	88
„ 26	Capt. Phil. Gethings	„	Desires 3 or 4 ketches may be sent down with ballast, so that he may shift his hold while the mast is being fitted in the Mathias.	89
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	„	Send an account for clothes for sick and wounded men, so that the value may be deducted when they receive their pay.	90, 91
„ „	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, late of the *Swan.*	Adm.Com.	Petition for the command of the Merlin or some other frigate. Was cast away in the storm of 13 September, and had losses before by the French and King of Scots' men-of-war at sea, so that his estate is much weakened.	92
„ „	Col. Rt. Lilburne, *Dalkeith.*	„	Recommends Capt. Tarleton as commander of some vessel on the Scotch coast, he having lost his ship while serving with Col. Cobbett and others at the taking of Mula Island.	93
„ „	Capt. Robt. Story, *Cardiff, Kingsroad, Bristol.*	Navy Com[rs]	Convoyed the 4 ships of Tories for the King of Spain as far as the Bay of Biscay; being forced in by contrary winds, desires 4 months' victuals, and repairs and stores if he is to continue out the winter.	94
„ „	Capt. Robt. Thorpe, *Red Heart, Hull.*	„	Has put in to tallow and victual, and desires order to take up money for sails and a cable. The French prize he brought in has been released by the Council of State, the master and company having stated before the mayor that the ship and her lading belonged to one Mell of Dieppe, and the Council of State being misinformed that the lading was for merchants of Edinburgh.	95
„ „	John Tatnall, *Dover*	„	A vessel of 140 tons has been brought in by a private man-of-war laden with pitch, tar, and hemp, which will be very useful.	96
„ „	Adm. Comrs. -	Capt. Saml. Howett, of the Speaker.	Instructions to sail with the Phœnix, Elizabeth, and Primrose, and other vessels appointed to ply off Heligoland, to the River Elbe, and endeavour to effect a conjunction with Capt. Hayward of the Gillyflower and his convoy, and then return with them to the Rolling Grounds.	97

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1653. Sept. 26	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Sent their orders of the 19th to the owners of 6 ships named, but as they are still abroad, cannot state in what condition they are. Capt. Marvin will fit out the Recovery if he may go as commander in her. Thinks the General had better select what ships he thinks best, and not depend upon these. Ask how to dispose of 5 ships laden with water, as the General does not want them.	98
„ „	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	As the deals in the William and John at Ratcliff, though not yet condemned by the Admiralty Court, are fit for the use of the State, will appraise them, and inquire about the timber and plank out of the 2 prizes taken by private men-of-war.	99
„ „	Col. Jno. Barkstead	—	Certificate recommending Thos. Wells as a gunner, he having already served on board a man-of-war. With like certificates by Rich. Wollaston and Nich. Reed, 1650 and 1652.	100, 101
„ 27	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will hasten away the hulk and the stores, and see to a supply of masts, or ships will not be dispatched. Will not meddle any more with the subject of money, but 1,000*l.* is required for present supply, as also to satisfy the merchants for powder supplied; cannot procure money at Harwich. 13 masts found at sea have been brought in.	102
„ „	Capt. Hen. Lands, *Seven Brothers, Woolwich.*	„	Has come in by warrant of Gen. Monk and asks orders - - - - - -	103
„ „	Robt. Smith, *Tower Hill.*	„	There are many sick men on board the Prudent Mary and Hamburg merchant at Woolwich, and the commanders desire their removal for recovery of their health, but as the hospitals are very full, and not able to receive half of them, asks orders.	104
„ „	Capt. W. Vessey, *Tynemouth Harbour.*	„	Has been out twice, but could not discover any sail; after receiving a fortnight's victuals from Newcastle, will come away with the first fleet of colliers. There have been great storms.	105
„ „	Thos. Talbot, *Ayr* -	Lieut.-Col. Salmon or Kelsey.	Recommends [Capt. Tarleton] for the command of some vessel, he having lost his in a storm while conveying provisions to the garrisons of Dunstaffnage and Dunolly, and joining Col. Cobbett's fleet, by order of the Commander-in-Chief.	106
„ 28	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send account of unserviceable vessels and provisions in the stores at Portsmouth, and desire order for disposing of them by public sale, as was done at Deptford; also for an order to the Prize Commissioners to deliver their tenths of the timber and plank in 2 prizes lately brought in, for the use of the navy.	107
„ „	„ -	„	Think 6 of the 2nd rate ships may be built in the 3 double docks at Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford, 2 at Portsmouth, and 2 at Blackwall; 20,000 loads of timber will be required; on receipt of their order, will send the purveyor to purchase all that can be got, but privacy must be observed.	108
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	The Swiftsure being launched will want seamen to rig her, and as those in her are on board wages, desires that a steward, cook, boatswain, and other officers may be sent down to carry on the work and receive the victuals, and thus save expense.	109

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1653. Sept. 28	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	As there is much business in the yards at Deptford and Woolwich, and the officer of one is not able to discharge the service of both without prejudice, suggest that Capt. Wildey be appointed boatswain at Woolwich, which will save a master of attendance. The Swiftsure being launched, the appointment of her officers will speed her going forth.	Vol. 58. 110
" "	" -	"	Send letter from Capt. Story; desire order as to revictualling and fitting out his frigate, the Cardiff, for the winter.	111
" "	Capt. Rich. Newdegate, *Pearl, Weymouth Road.*	"	Took in 3 months' provisions at Portsmouth for 100 men, and pressed some men at Cowes and Yarmouth, to make up for the sick and wounded put on shore. Waits a wind to convoy merchantmen from Cowes westward; is ordered to Weymouth, to send the Old President and Hopewell pink to Yarmouth.	112
" 29	Jonas Dell, clerk of the check, *Defence.*	Major Thomson.	Sends muster books and accounts with explanations. Asks an order to the treasurer for his pay, having been very ill since he came from sea.	113
" "	Capt. John King -	—	Certificate that John Smyth has been 10 months surgeon in the Mermaid now fitting at Harwich, and request for money that he may provide medicines for this present expedition.	114
" 30	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	On survey of the Maryrose, find her very fit for a man-of-war, having 28 guns, but she will carry 36, and is otherwise well fitted; her owners undertake to have her ready for sailing in 20 days.	115
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	"	Having supplied the urgent occasion of the Half Moon, has ordered her to Tilbury Hope, and sent with her a hoy taken upon the Dutch coast, laden with knee timber. The Malaga merchant is ordered in to be refitted.	116
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Much wants the hulk and the carpenters. Has directed the captain of the Half Moon to deliver the prize hoy to the Prize Commissioners as there are some barrels on board. Is in great want of masts. Sends account of stores delivered to merchant ships in the service.	117
" "	Jas. Corker -	Mr. Hopkins, Navy Com.	Desires his ticket for serving on board the Hampshire as a soldier may be signed and paid, so that he may follow his colours. There were 24 more of the same company who have had their tickets and money, but being ill and lame, he was unable to travel as fast as the rest, and could not deliver it in before.	118
" "	Wm. Waddington, steward, *Hamborough Merchant.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Complains that John Bull, the master carpenter, has embezzled 126 pieces of pork and beef, with which the steward has been charged by the victuallers.	119
" "	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Unity, Leith Road.*	"	Has tallowed and victualled, and is now bound with some vessels laden for the State's use, and some officers and soldiers, to Inverness, Orkney, and Shotland, and back to Leith.	120
" "	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle frigate.*	"	Has several men turned over to him from the Falcon and George, who have tickets, which they have entrusted to John Fathergall and Jno. Gill to present; as many of the men are single and want clothes, desires their tickets may be paid within 10 days, and the two men sent back to the ship.	121

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Sept. 30	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask what ships are to be refitted as they come in, having only orders to discharge some, and it would be now as well to refit ships for the summer service. Also what ships the victuallers are to supply in the Downs, and for what number of men, and for what time the 1,000 men's victuals are to be provided at Leith.	122
„ „	„ -	„	Christ. Pett, master shipwright at Woolwich, is allowed 20*d.* a day, payable out of the Exchequer, and there is great difficulty in obtaining it, there being a year's arrears due; desire he may be paid by the Treasurer of the navy as the other officers are.	123
„ „	„ -	„	On the petition of Capt. Robt. Mills, advise that he be paid 50*l.* in consideration of his wound and charges.	124
„ „	Capt. Wm. Brandley, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Has come in by order of the General to be refitted, and asks what proportion of victuals to take in	125
„ „	Hen. Bull - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a cook's place, having served from the beginning of the wars, and been in most of the engagements against the Dutch. With certificate by Thos. Malory, minister, and 8 others.	126, 127
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	„	Recommends Hen. Bull as cook, he having been several voyages with him - - -	128
„ „	Gen. Blake, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Essex frigate has come in to reset her masts and victual, and there is not a mast in the place; about a dozen more sail are standing in. Hopes to attend them at Whitehall next week, and give a further account.	129
Sept.?	Rich. Bradshaw, *Hamburg.*	—	Account of the weight of 963 casks of powder shipped in the Mary Ann at Hamburg, for the use of the commonwealth.	130
„	Joseph Young -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a lieutenant's place in one of the new frigates; with certificates of Capts. Arnold Browne of the London and John Best in his favour, 15 August and 21 September 1653.	131–133
„	John Marshall, collector at *Rye.*	—	Account of 8*l.* 8*s.* given in relief of Capt. Constantine's men, taken by the Sapphire and put ashore at Plymouth, whence they travelled to Rye for a passage, and were like to perish.	134
„	Capt. Rob. Salmon -	Collectors for Prize Goods.	Certificate that Thos. Boyleston served as midshipman on the William from 8 May to 30 September 1653, and should have his share of prize money. Endorsed: "Marmaduke retaken."	135
„	Thos. Cooke, mariner.	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gratuity and recompense for the loss of his clothes, &c. taken on board the Phœnix, when she was surprised by the Dutch. With certificate of Capt. John Wadsworth, 1 Sept. 1653.	136
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Oct. 1	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to provide oars for the Mermaid, which is to be sent on a special service - - -	1
„ „	„ -	„	Order for payment of 11*l.* 15*s.* to Fras. Harris, for clothes, &c. for the soldiers of Col. Goffe's regiments sent to sea in the Welcome, to be discounted from their pay.	2
„ „	„ -	„	Order to contract for a large fly boat to transport Ambassador Whitelock's horses, and retinue to Sweden, and bring back masts from the East country.	3
„ „	Gen. Geo. Monk -	„	Having ordered Capt. And. Rand of the Thomas and Lucy, at Tilbury Hope, to ply in the Channel for the 3 months remaining of his contract, desires them to order him victuals.	4

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Oct. 1	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Discovery.*	Navy Com^{r} at *Portsmouth.*	Sends account by order of the General of men, stores, and victuals required for his ship to enable her to keep at sea another month. Wants 77 men to complete his 150. Has 27 soldiers on board, who having been informed they should be cleared at Portsmouth, are mad to be gone, having no clothes nor money. Has 12 tuns of stinking beer.	5
„ „	Capt. David Dove, 10*th Whelp, Woolwich.*	NavyCom^{rs}	Was ordered by the General to go to Walderswick and convoy home 4 hoys with timber and plank for the service, but on arriving, parted from his anchor and cable in a storm, and the hoys refused to come. Has brought up a hoy from Yarmouth, and not being well, has sent his master up to them with particulars.	6
„ „	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	„	Advice of a bill of exchange for 100*l.* drawn on them at 6 days for so much paid Jno. Pearson for freight of the Bonadventure of Hull; desires order as to paying the men for tallowing the Swan.	7
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes	—	Certificate recommending Jno. Trigs, late Lieutenant of the Black Raven, for employment -	8
„ „	Rich. Hobbs, steward, *Mathias.*	NavyCom^{rs}	Desires some bad fish and stinking beer, condemned by the officers on survey, may be made good by the fishmonger and the brewer.	9
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have treated with Fras. Bailey, shipwright, for building a 4th rate frigate of 400 or 500 tons at Bristol, at 5*l.* 5*s.* a ton.	10
„ 2	Capt. Sam. Howitt, *Speaker, Hope.*	Admiral and General of the Fleet, *Whitehall.*	Returns the instructions for the Elizabeth, as he does not know where she is. Also an account of the condition of the ships in the Hope which all want men. Sent 2 men to Chatham to prevail with the mariners paid off there to join the ships in the Hope, but none would come, preferring to stay at home 2 or 3 weeks to recruit.	11
„ „	Chas. Ince - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment as a steward. Had a competent estate, but lost it through the late King's party during the wars, and for fidelity to Parliament and the cause of the Gospel. With certificate of Edw. Bushell in his favour.	12, 13
„ „	John Parker, *Truelove, Hope.*	—	Certificate that he has authorised 3 mariners named belonging to his ship to come to town, to receive their own and two other men's wages.	14
„ 3	Adm. Com. -	NavyCom^{rs}	Order to send 3 ships to New England, for masts for the service - - - - -	15
„ „	„ -	„	Order to contract for the speedy building of 6 nimble frigates, and to perfect the contract with Mr. Bailey for a frigate at Bristol.	16
„ „	„ -	„	To order payment to Rob. Blackborne, secretary, of 75*l.*, Rich. Creed, clerk, 25*l.*, 2 messengers, 15*l.* each, and an extra clerk 13*l.*, for their quarter's salaries.	17
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	If all ships that come in to revictual must be certified for, it will be a great addition to his former service. Requests that no more may be put upon him than he is able to perform. Although other officers have much business in the day, they are seldom disturbed at night, as he is, by the careless mooring or unmooring of ships, by which means they come foul of one another and block up the river. Desires men may be appointed to carry the hulk to Harwich; details of ships. There are no men to be had upon reasonable terms, and very few upon any.	18

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1653. Oct. 3	Gen. Monck -	Navy Com^rs	To order Mr. Harris to supply the navy with flags and pendants - - - -	19
„ „	John Geffery, *Lime-house.*	Robt. Blackborne.	To inform the Admiralty Commissioners that he was too ill to attend at the launching of the Swiftsure at Woolwich, but will wait upon them when better.	20
„ „	John Brewster, *Phœnix.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will sign his ticket already delivered for services on board as a soldier, so that he may be ready for further service.	21
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	All the frigates at Queenborough have orders to come into the Thames, and the Laurel to Chatham. She will be quickly dispatched and sent to the Hope. The Unicorn, Kentish, and Laurel shall be paid when they arrive in the Hope, as little duty would be done in the way of fitting them out again if paid before. The Resolution, James, and George are paid off.	22
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	The business of the sick and wounded men and widows, &c. being put into other hands, they recommend Robert Hayes for continuance in that employment, having experienced his ability while they managed it.	23
„ „	Edw. Atkinson, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Supposes the Commissioners have had an account from Dr. Whistler of the affairs relating to the sick and wounded. All assistant surgeons have been discharged, and as the wounded are few, they may now be committed to the care of some of the inhabitants, and the charge lessened.	24
„ „	Barth. Beale, auditor, *Navy Office.*	Thos. Smith, Navy Com^r.	Being prevented from getting in, through the crowd at the door, desires he will ask Mr. Turner to make out the auditor's quarterly bills for their salaries due 29 Sept.	25
„ 4	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Drake, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 13 sail of merchantmen safely into Newhaven, although within shot of a Holland man-of-war of 36 guns, reported to have been their Vice-Admiral returned from the fight near Portland, much torn, and most of his men killed and spoiled.	26
„ „	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	Cannot furnish the Greyhound with the provisions desired, as those in Scotland are with Nath. Eldred at Leith, by order of the Council of State. The Red Heart has arrived with anchor hooks from Harwich.	27
„ „	Gen. Monk -	„	To supply the Bristol and Portland with provisions to enable them to sail from the Hope to Portsmouth for repair.	28
„ „	Admiralty Comrs. -	„	Order to send 6 main masts 26 or 27 yards long to Harwich for the ships there, on request of Major Bourne. With note of warrant, 5 Oct.	29
„ „	„ „ -	„	Order to take care for bringing up from Newcastle the hemp and flax reported by the Prize Commissioners, on certificates made by order of the mayor, to be now in a vessel unfit for sea without much repair.	30–33
„ „	Rich. Bull - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for command of a ship. Was an officer in England and Scotland, but when the Dutch war broke out, served at sea as steward in the Convert, and has always behaved faithfully.	34
„ „	Col. Thomas Pride -	„	Recommends Rich. Bull for employment at sea, he having been in the service 13 years - -	35
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Mathias.*	Navy Com^rs	Has unladed 300 tons of stores, and taken in 320 of ballast, and has 120 tons more of stores which he cannot remove until it is surveyed, for it stinks; has staved 60 tons of beer. Begs a survey, and a warrant that he may shift the ship before the mast arrives. Wants a bower cable.	36

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1653. Oct. 4	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has no news of the hulk, or the hoy with stores from Deptford, and desires that they and an officer from the Tower may be hastened down, the latter to see to the issue and care of the stores, and of the powder in the several ships. Has drawn a bill for 200*l.* payable to Geo. Goswall, collector of customs at Ipswich, and another for 20*l.* received of Capt. Wood, and desires they will provide money for payment of wages and defraying the ordinary charge, otherwise he cannot proceed. Capts. Blackwall and Deane can order the receivers at Harwich to supply him if they will promote it. Hopes part of the 3 shiploads of masts from Gottenburg will fall to the lot of this port; asks the prices paid for leaden and iron goods mentioned, and for leather.	Vol. 59. 37
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Advise the taking of a house in Seething Lane, formerly occupied by Sir Jno. Wolstenholme, for a Navy Office, at 185*l.* rent, the State paying taxes, the victuallers having tendered 100*l.* a year for the rooms the Commissioners now occupy.	38
„ „	„ -	„	Particulars of allowances recommended to the owners and others of 6 ships named, taken up in the Straits by Longland and Badiley for the service; desire their approval.	39
„ „	„ -	„	Send an estimate for making a brick wall for the better security of the stores at Portsmouth, and desire order for it; cost 292*l.*	40, 41
„ 5	Capt. Wm. Crispin, *Assistance, off Plymouth.*	„	Sailed from the Isle of Wight with the Hector, Nightingale, and 65 merchant vessels, and meeting the Pearl, sent her with orders to Capt. Sparling and the captain of the Hopewell pink to join him, but they declined, being bound for Guernsey and Jersey with some money, then to carry defective guns to Portsmouth or the Thames, and then for St. Malo. Sends copy of an information of Capt. Godfrey against his clerk of the check, and of the latter's answer thereto. The captain is not diligent in his duties, being too fond of the shore. Parted with the fleet off Ushant, and took a ship of Middleburg, with hoops from Newhaven bound to Nantes, and the Nightingale took her consort; a pink belonging to Delft has come in with the prizes, and to get a supply of men and provisions, when he will put to sea again.	42
„ „	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Hopewell pink, Falmouth Roads.*	„	Being with the Warwick on the French coast, took a French ship of 100 tons and 5 guns laden with wheat, barley, &c., bound for Rochelle, and has brought her into Fowey; as also a Dutch ship laden with hoops taken by the Assistance.	43
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Tynemouth.*	„	Convoyed 40 light colliers from Yarmouth Roads to Newcastle. There are 40 great ships ready in the river, and as many more are expected to be ready by the first fair wind, all which he will take under his charge, call in the Humber for a fleet of merchantmen bound to London, and see them safe to their several ports.	44
„ „	Capt. D. Catts, *Golden Cock.*	Navy Com^rs	Being ordered for Plymouth, desires a surgeon may be sent down thither for him - - -	45
„ „	Jno. Limbery, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Hyde being ordered to sea, and not having a steward, is without wood, candles &c., and has therefore sent his clerk of the check for them. Requests that he may be appointed steward, and sent to the victualling office to receive the supplies.	46

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1653. Oct. 5	Thos. Woodcott, *Tower Hill.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks 20*l.* more on account of his disbursements for sick and wounded men, and will give an account of the whole as early as possible.	47
„ „	Navy Victuallers -	„	Account of proceedings in taking accounts of the stewards of various ships relative to their provisions, with list of 21 stewards with whom they cannot as yet speak, and the ships to which they belong.	48
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To make out bills to their messengers for disbursements, viz., John Powell 19*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, and Hen. Webley 5*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*	49
„ „	„ -	„	To consider whether 2 of the 6 nimble frigates ordered for March may not be built at Bristol, and 2 at Newcastle, and be ready by 28 Feb.	50
„ „	„ -	„	To summon the builders of the new frigates on the stocks in the river before the Committee on Friday, and meanwhile to certify the contract and the time for launching.	51
„ „	Capt. Thos. Vallis, *Expedition, Harwich.*	„	If his surgeon, Walter Thompson, who is coming to London by order of Major Bourne to recruit his chest, desires discharge, requests that another and a surgeon's mate and barber may be hastened down, as he is ready to sail.	52
„ 6	„ „ -	„	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	53
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To make out bills for John Poortmans for self and clerk, as secretary to the Generals of the fleet, at 200*l.* a year, and as deputy treasurer of the fleet at 6*s.* 8*d.* a day, from 2 March to 30 Sept. last.	54
„ „	„ -	„	To direct the clerks of the check at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham to enter all mariners on board the ships which are now come in to be refitted as the captains present them, and to keep them on board accordingly.	55
„ „	„ -	„	To continue their care in dispatching the affairs of the sick and wounded, till further order -	56
„ „	Wm. Johnson, Mayor of *Newcastle.*	„	Made inquiries after the 32½ lasts of hemp sold by Capt. Crapnell, of the Martin, before adjudication, and found that Edw. Clerk, of South Shields, was the purchaser; he having disposed of some of it to a person in the town, has secured that as well as all the rest, until further order; Clerk is coming to London respecting it.	57
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	Adm. Com.	Have taken a bond of Mr. Jonson and Capt. Rob. Sansom to secure to the child of Geo. Laverick, late master of the Ruby, slain in the service, the 50*l.* granted him by Parliament. With baptismal register of Wm. Laverick, the said child, born 9 and baptized 10 Sept. 1653, at Mary, Whitechapel, signed Thos. Walley, minister.	58, 59
„ 7	Capt. Wm. Godfrey, *Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Took a French vessel on the coast of France, laden with wheat and rye, and has examined and put the crew on shore at Plymouth. Is receiving some seamen on board from Capt. Mill, and will put to sea again to-day.	60
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	If Mr. Raven built a frigate in Woolwich Yard, the great frigate there would be much hindered, as also the going on with the dock, therefore desires it may be built elsewhere. Asks the place of assistant to the master shipwright for Mr. Raven, he being a good man and very able for his years.	61

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Oct. 7	John Hobbs -	Navy Com[rs]	Begs a search to be made for his ticket, delivered in 22 days since, for 10 months' service in the Phœnix, or a new one, as he is in great want of his money, having an aged and sick father depending upon him, who has come up from Portsmouth to see him.	62
„ „	Robt. Sewell and Peter Ellis, *Chatham.*	„	Ask for a supply of canvas, as the stores are nearly exhausted and the want thereof is very great, several great ships being ordered out.	63
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	„	As the surveyors of the new ships building at Woodbridge, Maldon, and Yarmouth have been sent to Harwich, and many alterations are needed in the ships, desires that Mr. Stevens and Stokes may be ordered to go down, and have power to give directions for their finishing.	64
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Desire order to the storekeeper to deliver 12 skidds to lay ordnance upon at Deptford to Jas. Ansdell, boatswain, to be returned when the guns are shipped.	65
„ „	Capt. Rich. Mill, *Plymouth.*	Adm.Com.	The captain of the Sapphire has brought in 3 French prizes, viz., a vice-admiral of 22 guns, a rear-admiral of 10, and another of 2, one being very rich; 14 men were killed in her, and 16 wounded, her lieutenant being killed and her captain wounded, but their admiral fled. Two of the three are laden with linen cloth. There have been 10 or 11 taken of that fleet by private men-of-war and some by our fleet. Has shipped sufficient men for the present, 160 in all, but could not supply the Admiral of the West, having no order.	66
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	To allow 1*s.* 6*d.* a day to the serjeants and 12*d.* to the corporals that have served at sea in the last year's expedition, on certificate from their colonel, including the pay of common seamen, which they have already had.	67
„ „	„ -	„	To order for Wm. Saunders, midshipman of the Triumph in the last year's expedition, 25*l.* for extraordinary service.	68
„ „	„ -	„	To order payment of 200*l.* to Dr. Whistler for his service and expenses in going to Harwich, Ipswich, &c. to attend Gen. Blake, and the sick and wounded from 4 June to 14 Sept. 1653.	69
„ 8	Rich. Popplet and Nich. Phillips, bailiffs, *Ipswich.*	Adm.Com.	Send their accounts of disbursements for the sick and wounded, amounting to 738*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, and desire speedy payment, otherwise will not be able to wind themselves out of the incumbrance.	70
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been to Yarmouth and the coast to gain a more perfect account of affairs. 20 sail of Holland men-of-war were seen 10 leagues from Yarmouth; wishes our fleet were in a capacity to look abroad. No hulk or stores, which are as necessary as straw to make brick, have yet arrived. Supposes the good news of the Hamburg ships, as also the unlikelihood of the 30 sail that were seen off Calais to be men-of-war, may promote the South design.	71
„ „	Capt. Robt. Storey, *Cardiff frigate, Hong Road* [*Kingroad*].	Adm.Com.	Asks the advance of a little money to his ship's company, that they may leave something with their distressed families, as it will give them encouragement. Is using all haste with the refitting, so as to get to sea.	72

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Oct. 8	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks an order to purchase some cordage for the State at Emden, at 34*s.* to 40*s.* a cwt. by which he can save 20 per cent. Has drawn two bills upon the Treasurer for 200*l.* and 250*l.*, disbursed in fitting out and supplying stores to the Fortune, Signet, Paradox, Mayflower, and Cardiff, which he hopes may be paid.	73
„ „	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	„	As the sails are now made at Chatham by Mr. Ellis, it will be better to send the canvas in bales from London in large quantities than from Deptford in small. It will be a saving to the State to list the waste cloths, especially the cotton and kersey, with old canvas, instesd of sending them ready listed.	74
„ „	Capt. Giles Shelley, *Waterhound, Portsmouth.*	„	His ship has been surveyed by Mr. Tippetts, and brought into harbour. If she is to be laid aside, it will be necessary to clear the crew, but if another survey is to be made, it will be fit to keep them and recover those who have left. She goes very well.	75
„ „	Fras. Kelsey, *Dover Castle.*	Lieut. Thos. Kelsey.	Has received the powder and match. Is afraid he will not sell his horses, but will take them to Elam Fair, and will keep the others in the house this winter. Has knitted half a score of ram lambs. Old John decays daily; believes he will not see the month out. Hopes a discharge for the men, who are all ashore; they were used very badly by the captain, and are coming up to London.	76
„ 9	Jonas Dell, clerk of the check, *Defence.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends copy of the muster books, fearing the originals miscarried. Complains of Capt. Jonathan Taylor signing seamen's and soldiers' tickets for more than was due to them. Is cast off for exposing the knavery. Desires order to the Treasurer to pay him his wages.	77
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Tynemouth Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail with the first wind with a great fleet, and call at the Humber for a number of merchantmen bound for London, and see them to their ports. Mr. Smith of Yarmouth has come in and gave intelligence of 10 Holland men-of-war being on the north coast, which had taken 20 sail of our fishermen and one of the convoys. Arrival of ships.	78
„ 10	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	To order payment to Capt. Lionel Lane of 300*l.* disbursed by the bailiffs of Southwold for the wounded seamen in and near the town.	79
„ „	Nath. Terne and two others.	[Navy Comrs.]	Have viewed the old storehouses at Deptford, as to what part will be most fit to convert into a 6-roomed house for the clerk of the survey; the cost will be 75*l.* Noted that a warrant is to be made.	80
„ „	Jas. Clarke, *Lynn* -	„	Can supply a good quantity of English hemp by next May; there is little cordage, but will undertake to send from Lynn and Boston 15 tons a month of cordage and commence next month. There are also 50 or 60 great bundles of Riga hemp there which may be had, and will make 18 to 20 cables of 160 fathoms.	81
„ „	ManleCallis, *Deptford*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires they will pay Mr. Young 400*l.*, on account of provisions delivered into the stores at Deptford	82
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Has ordered the Prosperous Sarah, which has been employed in bringing masts, fishes, and cordage from Yarmouth, and cables and sails for the Resolution and other ships, to sail to the Thames to be discharged, supposing there is no other employment for her.	83
„ „	Wm. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	„	Is seeking a vessel to carry the hemp and flax in the Dutch prize to Major Burton at Yarmouth. Has secured some of the 32 lasts of hemp that Capt. Craplin landed. Desires they will pay Edm. Waring for the hemp and tar, as he or his man have been waiting at the Navy Office several days without success.	84

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Oct. 10	Abra. Pearce, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends muster book of the Essex, having been appointed clerk of the check there by warrant of Gen. Monk.	85
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansom, *Bryer, Tynemouth.*	Adm. Com.	Having lost his mainmast, and received other damage, was ordered to sail for London by Col. Lilburne, Commander-in-Chief of Scotland ; has put into Tynemouth through contrary winds, but will sail the first opportunity, and be assistant to the 100 sail waiting there.	86
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink.*	„	Being out of repair and short of provisions, was ordered by the Commander-in-Chief of Scotland to accompany the Bryer to London to recruit, and has put into Newcastle through contrary winds, but will sail with the fleet of colliers the first wind.	87
„ „	Jer. Squibb -	Hollister and W. Burt o Adm. Com^rs	Recommends John Hotham as paymaster to the Commissioners for the Sick and Wounded -	88
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	For more speedy dispatch of business, Mr. Callis, master shipwright's assistant at Deptford, should be master shipwright, and an assistant in his place ; [Sam.] Raven should be assistant to the master shipwright at Woolwich, and [Rob.] Migford boatswain at Woolwich.	89
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Arrived home on Saturday evening. Has been on board 4 ships and ordered their speedy refitting, and the clerks of the check to make up their books. The Assistance and Sapphire with several prizes have come in, the Sapphire is much damaged by shot.	90
„ 11	„ „ -	„	Has hastened out several ships into the Channel, and is in hand with others. Ordered 10 barrels of powder and shot for the Sapphire. Not being empowered to sign the tickets of discharged sick and wounded men, has promised them money. Directed the victuallers to pay the company of the Hampshire for being on half allowance of beer, so as to pacify them. Sent warrant to the constable of a county prison to receive and provide for some sick men, and promised that their quarters shall be paid by the Collectors of Prize Goods ; ordered the surgeons who are entertained by the prize officers to attend them. Wants additional power, as it will further the service.	91
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^rs	No sooner arrived home than he found his hands full, there being the Assistance and 7 other ships to be refitted and supplied, which he will effect with speed, as also the Sapphire, very much damaged in her late fight with the French. Captain Saunders is in the offing with his squadron, and 3 Dutch prizes.	92
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships, and the works thereon. Account of iron and brass ordnance at Weymouth. The Newfoundland fleet has arrived in the Channel. Has directed the clerks of the ships to make up their muster books. Desires order for the landing of the goods in the St. John of St. Malo and the 3 Kings of Hamburg, brought in by Capt. Heaton, the ships being much damaged with shot, and leaky.	93
„ „	Edm. Poortmans, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Requests another clerk, being engaged from early morn until 10 or 11 p.m. ; begs that one of their number will attend to-morrow at the paying off of the 7 Brothers.	94

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Oct. 11	William Wills -	Navy Com[rs]	Sends petitions in behalf of Eliz. Salmon, Joane Garland, and Frances Bouch, prisoners for bringing in false tickets; 2 are going to Barbadoes, and the other is married, and promises never to cheat the State again; desires their discharge, also sends the petition of Julian, widow of John Hardin, who died of a wound received in the Worcester, under Capt. Geo. Daking, praying for relief.	95
,, ,,	Capt. Lionel Lane -	General Geo. Monk.	Recommends John Shinnings for employment - - - - - - - -	96
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com[rs]	Went to the mayor, as ordered, for the money disbursed for sick and wounded men, but he is in London, and as 4 more sick have come on shore from the Elizabeth, and the imprest bill for 20*l.* will afford little relief, hopes the mayor will bring some money down. Most of the ships outward bound have gone to Lee Road, and others to the Hope.	97
,, ,,	Jas. Perrott, *Malden*	,,	Survey of a ship building. Cannot believe they are angry by his so often writing them, as they gave him a warrant to write when anything wanted mending.	98
,, ,,	Wm. Waddington, steward of the *Hamburgh Merchant.*	,,	Desires order to Jno. Green, the master, to remove the cables, so that he may get the remains of provisions on shore, for the ship to be repaired.	99
,, ,,	Capt. Geo. Crapnell, *Merlin, Grimsby Road.*	,,	Having come in to revictual, is desired by the Governor [of Hull] to convoy from Hull to London 10 large ships with merchandize, which will be ready next Friday.	100
,, ,,	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	,,	Has ordered the clerks of the check and stewards of the ships to send up their muster books, so that an estimate may be made of the sum necessary to pay them off. The want of the hulk and the stores is putting a stop to the works on the ships. Has discharged several men with tickets for want of money. Has paid 10*l.* for present supply to Capt. Edwin, of the Cock, he having been left sick. Wants a letter from Captain Blackwall and Deane to enable him to receive some money to carry on the service.	101
,, ,,	Nathan Eldred, *Leith.*	,,	Cannot supply the Greyhound with necessaries, and Capt. Bunn requests they may be sent down, or the ship will be rendered unserviceable.	102
,, ,,	Adm. Com. -	,,	Order that Sam. Raven be assistant to the master shipwright at Woolwich, salary 70*l.* a year -	103
,, 12	,, -	,,	Order for payment by the Navy Treasurer of a year's arrears of pay at 20*d.* daily to Chris. Pett, master shipwright at Deptford, it being unpaid from the Exchequer.	104
,, ,,	,, -	,,	To cause 15 ships named to be refitted for the winter's service, and seamen presented by the captains to be entered thereon.	105
,, ,,	,, -	,,	To direct the refitting of the Portsmouth, now at Woolwich, and to enter the seamen presented by Capt. Dornford.	106
,, ,,	,, -	,,	To take up a nimble ketch to attend the frigates convoying Amb. Whitelock to Sweden, to sound when they come near a harbour, or for other services.	107

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Oct. 12	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	To see that the vessel which they take up for transport of Whitelock's horses be capable of keeping up with the frigates, and to have it made ready immediately.	108
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send propositions from Mr. Smith for supply of masts, as they will be advantageous. Desire they may be entertained.	109
„ „	„ -	„	Have sent to ascertain the condition of the frigates now building, and will send the account when received. They were all to be launched by 30 Sept.	110
„ „	Gens. Blake and Monk, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desire victuals may be sent down to the Thomas and Lucy at Gravesend, as she has lain there these 12 days, and is designed for the westward.	111
„ „	„ „ -	„	Desire they will take the accounts of Peter Walker, master of a galliot hoy come up to Deptford to be discharged of stores and provisions, as he and her men have been turned over to the Merlin.	112
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Plover, Leith Road.*	„	Being ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to remain at sea 3 months longer, and wanting cables, cordage, &c., the said Commander has ordered the Commissioners at Leith to buy those lately belonging to the Margaret and Martha, instead of waiting for a supply from London.	113
„ „	Thos. Newbery, *Portsmouth.*	Ordnance officers.	Sends account of shot in the stores. Mr. Farrenden agrees to make a quantity at 20 marks a ton. Mr. Strudwick has shipped 20 tons for Portsmouth, and will ship 30 tons more presently, and hopes to complete his contract for 120 tons by the end of December, as also to treat for 100 or 150 tons more, but not so cheaply as 12*l.* per ton. There are several ironmasters in Sussex who might now be treated with for as much as may be wanted, to be delivered at the water side, nearest to their iron mills.	114
„ „	Capt. Robt. Saunders, *Ruby, Lizard.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between Portland and the French coast, by order of Gen. Monk, to intercept all Flemish ships coming from the eastward, and has examined 50 of different countries, besides chasing several others. Has had a supply of beer for 6 days out of the Nightingale and Warwick. Intends plying off Scilly.	115
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	After despatching the pay, went to Woolwich to forward the fitting out of the great frigate and other ships. There is a great want of shipwrights; suggests impressing 100 at Bristol and in the west country. Desires they will inform Gen. Monk that the Kentish, Duchess, Arms of Holland, and Laurel will be ready in a few days to sail to the Hope. Asks what to do with one of the ringleaders of the mutiny confined in Upnor Castle, who is now very penitent.	116
„ „	Capt. Jno. Humphery, *Nightingale.*	„	Has been cruising at sea with Capt. Crispin of the Assistance. Took a prize from Rotterdam, and had a dispute with some men-of-war from Brest for 2 hours, but as there were 14 or 15 of them, sailed towards Falmouth for assistance; intends to follow them, and then go for Ireland.	117
„ 13	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The work is at a stand for want of rope and other stores; if he is to continue there, must make some better provision for himself, as he appears to be entirely forgotten; is weary of his quarters, as his modesty does not suit the present age.	118

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Oct. 13	Mich. Barnes, Edw. Atkinson, and Isaac Harris, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Have given willing obedience to their order to Mr. Atkinson, but their colleagues Thos. Harris and Christ. Bullock have acted somewhat high, and have been designing to be continued there in expectation of more work. The bailiffs have promised their assistance, so hope to send away 37 more of the cured sick and wounded, and leave a dozen with Robt. Shaw and Rich. Duckenfield for perfecting their cure; suggest that a hospital should be provided for them.	119
„ „	Captain Robt. Mackey and 10 other officers.	—	Certificate recommending Lawrence Hardy for a boatswain's place, he having served in the Anthony Bonadventure and Exeter Merchant, and been in several engagements against the Dutch, by whom he was taken prisoner.	120
„ „	Ant. Spatchurst, *The Paul, Chatham.*	—	Certificate that Valentine Rich, boatswain of the Paul, is on shore ill, and request that another may be sent. Confirmed by Commissioner P. Pett.	121
„ 14	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Send an account of what has been delivered to Thos. Green at Dover for the service, on which 3,796*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* is due.	122
„ „	Thos. Riveley -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a cook's place, having so served in the Seven Brothers; with certificate of Capt. Hen. Land on his behalf.	123, 124
„ „	Capt. Jos. Cubitt, *Dartmouth.*	„	Will wait upon them at Whitehall next week, as ordered - - - - - -	125
„ „	Jas. Conyers, *Richard and Martha, Catwater, Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends two muster books, and asks whether they have received the letters and muster books sent before. Being bound for the Straits, is taking in 7 months' provisions, but the men threaten not to sail unless they are paid.	126
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships and work done upon them. The Satisfaction was nearly fired through defects in her furnaces, which will be repaired. The Peter being unserviceable, desires orders respecting her. Asks convoy for a ship laden with timber for the frigate building at Woolwich. The Sampson has arrived at Spithead, with two prizes laden with salt, wine, &c., from Amsterdam.	127
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The Princess Maria has been launched, the Unicorn and two others docked, and the Kentish will be ready to sail within two days, if he can persuade the men to join; but they refuse, alleging the Generals promised their pay. There is a great want of seamen for the Fairfax and other ships; desires that 500 may be pressed and sent down, as there is little likelihood of volunteers. Hears that the Arms of Holland is to attend the Swedish Ambassador. Is in hand with the great ships for the winter guard.	128
„ „	E. Davies, *Weymouth pink, Tilbury Hope.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The victualling is out, because by taking a prize, they have had 40 prisoners on board - -	129
„ „	Adm. Com. -	—	Order that Dan. Bateman of the Heart appear to-morrow. With note by Bateman, 25 Oct., requesting his prize money and John Clerk's ticket for pay.	130
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to certify what has been and should be allowed to officers in time of rigging - -	131

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1653. Oct. 14	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	To order payment of 100*l.* to Dr. Bathurst, who was sole attendant physician to Dr. Whistler at Ipswich and Harwich, from 17 June to 5 Oct.	Vol. 59. 132
„ 15	„ - -	„	To cause Capt. Rob. Vessey of the Fox to be entered on sea pay - - - - -	Vol. 60. 1
„ „	„ - -	„	To order Mr. Johnson, who is building 2 frigates at Blackwall, to put all the workmen on to one, as it is required immediately. Also to enter rigging officers, &c. under advice of Vice-Admiral Penn. Also to supply it with masts, to be deducted from the contract.	1*a*
„ „	Capt. Philip Gethins, *Mathias, Hope.*	Gen. Monk, or the Adm. Com.	Has taken out 440 tons of stores and put in 550 of ballast; also 50 tuns of beer, and has more to take in, but has much trouble to keep his men on board, 9 having run and taken the pinnace, and others have swam on shore; now wants 70, which he desires may be sent down, if he is to go on any service.	2
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends his brother-in-law, Capt. Anth. Earning, for the command of one of the new frigates building at Yarmouth and Woodbridge, he having served in his own ship for several years.	3
„ „	„ -	Adm. Com.	Will use all diligence in dispatching ships. Account of works thereon; is much retarded for want of necessaries. Hears there are some Dutch men-of-war on the coast; suggests that one of the Colchester ketches should ply between Yarmouth and the river. Recommends Capt. Anth. Earning for the command of one of the new frigates.	4
„ „	Gens. Monk and Blake, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com[rs]	The Convert having been ordered to be refitted for the winter guard, desire order for entering such men as shall be sent on board by Capt. Esaias Blowfield, her commander.	5
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughy, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has careened the Essex, and will soon have her out. The Bristol and two others have arrived with stores, and the Guinea with a prize, and reports that young Tromp was at Rochelle with 6 or 7 men-of-war, and 40 merchantmen, and was coming through the Channel. Desires order to ballast some frigates with a parcel of old and useless shot lying in the town.	6
„ „	„ „ -	[Navy Comrs.]	Daniel Furzer having proposed to build one of the frigates at Hampton, desires a copy of his contract, so as to have an eye upon the work; 4 prizes have come in laden with salt, wine, honey, and fruit.	7
„ „	Wm. Johnson, Mayor of *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Has delivered up the storehouse to the Navy Victuallers' butcher for slaughtering oxen and pigs for the northern guard, but it being in the Castle Garth and in the county of Northumberland, not in the town's jurisdiction, it is at disposal of the Governor, Sir Arthur Hesilrigge; therefore Mr. Thompson, the slaughter master, must obtain his or the General's consent.	8
„ „	Capt. Robt. Storey, *Cardiff, Bristol.*	Navy Com[rs]	Sends two muster books, and asks allowance of the necessary money for sick men - -	9
„ „	Masters of the Trinity House.	„	Have considered the petition of Geo. Roswell, waterman, and conferred with him concerning the places found out by him for mooring the State's ships, but give reasons why they are not fit for the purpose.	10

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Oct. 15	Prize Comrs., *Prize Office, London.*	Navy Com[rs]	Send copy of their letter of 13 May 1653, desiring them to reserve the Justice and Trevier for the use of the State, and as these and the Augustine of Horn have since lain in the river at great charge, desire they will either dispose of them, or order them to be put up for sale.	11, 11a
„ 16	Isaac Ewell, *Chatham.*	„	Has been prevented proceeding with the dock at Woolwich through illness, but will set men on work to-morrow, and attend for his bill of imprest.	12
„ 17	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send copy of a survey made of the mast dock at Woolwich, with estimate of the charge - -	13
„ „	Chas. Thorowgood, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	A bale of cloth put on board the Worcester, on the State's account, having been forgotten when he and Col. Thomson took the money away, is still on board.	14
„ „	Step. Knowling, clerk of the check, *Dartmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	A Dutch prize from Rotterdam, laden with French wine and aqua vitæ, has been sent in by Capt. Curtis of the Guinea frigate, and two others, laden with clapboard and iron, by a private man-of-war.	15
„ „	Manle Callis, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to receive 400 loads of compas timber out of Windsor Forest, from Mr. Cooper, the purveyor, for the navy, there being a great want of it at Deptford.	16
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com[rs]	Desires they will appoint men to take the hulk to Harwich, and order the clerk of the check at Deptford to enter such seamen as Capt. Stayner of the Foresight shall present.	17
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	The Fellowship hulk for Harwich is waiting for men and victuals. Sent a man to procure seamen to refit the Tiger and Falmouth, who found 4, but they refuse to work under 12s. a week, which he supposes will not be allowed, as it would be a bad precedent. Men would not work at sea if they could have such wages on shore.	18
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts	Fras. Willoughby	Recommends Mr. Taylor for the place of master joiner, he having already so acted - -	19
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has put Philip Lately, boatswain of the Worcester, in the Paragon, and appointed the boatswain of the Paragon to the Andrew, fitting for sea; Seaverne, the Andrew's boatswain, having been wounded in the last engagement, has put him on board the James. The Unicorn is launched, and the James, George, and Andrew in hand. There is a great want of men; wishes the 500 formerly asked for were sent down. Urges the appointment of an assistant to the master attendant.	20
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix.*	Gen. Monk.	Has sent the boats up the river every tide to press men, and has procured 100, but unless a warrant is sent to the Masters and Wardens of Watermen's Hall for impressing those in London, will not procure his complement; when they are paid off, they repair there, and cannot be induced to rejoin until their money is all spent.	21
„ „	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	Adm. Com.	Notwithstanding the seamen of the ships at Woolwich and Deptford have been paid off and ordered again on board, none have appeared, and most have joined the merchant service; unless speedy course is taken for keeping them on board, the ships cannot be fitted out. A boatswain is much required at Woolwich; also a place for stores, as the boatswains of the several ships spend much time in going to Deptford for every trifling article, and under that pretence, idle away their time.	22

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Oct. 17	Edw. Atkinson, Isaac Harris, Mich. Barnes, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of obstructions raised by their colleagues in sending away the sick and wounded men, and such as are cured. The charge of the surgeons is 3*l.* 15*s.* a day, which if orders were obeyed, could be reduced to 10*s.* a day. Hope not to be blamed if they decline to proceed further, unless a peremptory order is sent to their colleagues and the bailiffs to assist, and provide ships, waggons, and necessaries for the speedy removal of the men.	Vol. 60. 23
,, ,,	Thos. Harris and Christ. Bullock, surgeons, *Great Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Have attended to 500 sick and wounded from the fleet, and succeeded in recovering most of them, and have now not above 100 left; desire order to remove them to some hospital in London, as Dr. Whistler has left, whose orders they were to observe.	24
,, 18	Navy Victuallers, *Victualling Office.*	,,	Desire they will account with them according to contract; have sent in their accounts to the clerks of the check, of issues both for sea and harbour, and received the stewards' and pursers' receipts, and longer delay will make the matter more intricate.	25
,, ,,	Gens. Blake and Monk, *Whitehall.*	,,	Desire that the Fisher hoy, commanded by Peter Walker, which has been attending the Vice-Admiral and his squadron since June, may be refitted, and her men paid.	26
,, ,,	Jonas Dell, clerk of the check.	,,	Sends copy of two muster books sent to Mr. Turner; desires order to the Treasurer for payment of his wages. Did not receive any money for sick and wounded, or would have accounted for it, but had little use for any.	27
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Delivered his account of disbursements for sick and wounded men to 7 Sept. to Mr. Turner, and conferred with Mr. Woodcoat respecting those subsequent, but has no money. Has 5 sick men out of the Elizabeth, one having died last night. The captain of the Phœnix has been on shore pressing men, but the new Mayor promises to take that duty upon himself.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Newbery, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Laurel having been refitted, hopes to sail for the Hope next Friday - - - -	29
,, ,,	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To pay Capt. Suffeild of the Duchess his wages - - - - - - - -	30
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	,, Wood ,, Centurion ,, - - - - - - -	31
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	To order an imprest of 200*l.* to Major Miller toward pressing 700 men - - - -	32
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	To order another vessel for Amb. Whitelock's provisions, there not being stowage enough in that chosen, and to prepare fit accommodation for him and his retinue on the Phœnix and Elizabeth, which are to convoy him.	33
,, ,,	Capt. Eli Drewe, *Lucie, Comers.*	Adm. Com.	Since arriving in the Lowlands, has given the Commander-in-Chief [of Scotland] an account of his actions, and received an order from him.	34
,, 19	Jas. Sacke, *Harwich*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will accept a bill of exchange for 100*l.* for so much disbursed for sick and wounded men sent from the fleet.	35
,, ,,	Prize Comrs. -	,,	Hope neither they nor their officer, Capt. Brock, will be blamed for not delivering the Fisher hoy without their warrant; unless that method is observed, cannot give an account of vessels delivered for the service.	36
,, ,,	Rob. Sewell, *Chatham Dockyard.*	,,	Desires they will send 1,500 yards of red kersey, and 2,000 of unlisted red cotton, to make mast cloths, there being several ships wanting them.	37

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1653. Oct. 19	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships named. The Peter being unfit for service, has transferred her men to the Speaker and other ships, but 250 more are required. The work on the new frigate is much retarded by the great sickness and mortality among the workmen.	38
„ „	„ „	Generals of the fleet.	To the same effect. Sends the examination of Isaac Wittcom and Jno. Baker, as to an assault committed on them by the master of the Great Charity. Has the master in prison, and desires orders respecting him.	39–40
„ „	Capt. Rich. Badiley, *London.*	Alderman Langley, Adm.Comr.	The Mary Rose being fitted and ready to victual, desires a commander and steward may be appointed. Recommends Robt. Woolman, late master of the Recovery, for employment, he having distinguished himself in the 2nd and 3rd engagement.	41
„ „	Capt. Edm. Smith, *Duchess, Chatham River.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to the Hope with the first wind, and take in the provisions, ammunition, &c. and then observe their orders.	42
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Advantage, Yarmouth Roads.*	Gen. Monck.	None of the fishing vessels have been taken by the enemy, and they have had good fishings. Took a small fisher, and brought her into Yarmouth, and chased some private men-of-war, but without effect, as his ship has grown foul.	43
„ „	Rob. Stapilton and 4 others.	NavyComrs	Desire they will provide casks for carrying water, &c. for the horses, &c. of Lord Whitelock, the Swedish Ambassador, they being entrusted to look after his concerns.	44
„ „	Dan. Heling -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place, having been in the service many years, and wounded in the engagement with the Dutch. With certificate of Capt. Hen. Appleton and two others on his behalf.	45, 46
„ 20	John Rownen -	„	Petition for the command of a ship to the Straits or elsewhere; was taken from a good command by Capt. Edm. Hall into the Straits' fleet, found water under an island, unknown to others there, for the fleet, and knows the Straits well. Was wounded in the face and arm. With certificate by Capt. Hall, and also by Capt. Jas. Abelson that Rownen, late master of the Victory, was in the engagements with the Dutch, and behaved well.	47–49
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Swan, Whitebooth.*	„	Has been chasing various Holland vessels, and convoying colliers; as there is a great fleet ready at Newcastle and Hull, will see them safe to London.	50
„ „	Cuthbert Embleton, Thos. Parker, and Jno. Norwood, masters of the *Galliot hoy, Diana, and Susanna.*	Generals of the Navy.	Petition for the same pay as other masters of ships engaged for the service receive, viz., 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a month, and their company accordingly, whereas they have only been paid 1*l.* 3*s.* a month. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	51
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman and 4 others.	—	Certificate that they brought the Prudent Mary up to Woolwich, and while lying at anchor, she was run into by the Thomas and William, which broke the mooring cables, wrung her head aside, and did other damage.	52
„ „	Capt. Jno. Wetwang, *Sparrow, Tynemouth Haven.*	Adm.Com.	Provisions and stores required. Is coming up with 200 sail of colliers and the Briar and Weymouth, which have lost their mainmasts. Hears there are some freebooters upon the coast, but did not see any.	53

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Oct. 20	Thos. Wilkes and John Reeve.	Anth. Wells	Bills for repairs for the Swan and Employment of Scarborough, with requests for payment, 25 and 30 Aug. and 20 Oct.; all receipted.	54–56
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To enter Rob. Orchard master attendant at Woolwich, one having been ordered thither by the Council of State.	57
„ 21	„ -	„	To supply the Drake speedily with necessaries to enable her to go to sea - - - -	58
„ „	„ -	„	To state forthwith the accounts now before them, of Wm. Playre, for sick and wounded men -	58*a*
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Robt. Migford for the boatswain's place in Woolwich yard - - - -	59
„ „	„ -	„	Send a list of 27 clerks of the check who have given in their accounts, but as nearly all the stewards are defective, no further commissions for employment should be granted to those who have neglected to send in their accounts.	60, 61
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Has stayed all ships bound eastward until further order. Besides 4 East India ships of great value brought from St. Malo by Capt. Sparling, there are many others bound east with the first convoy and wind. Is advised from the Mount that a ship from Ostend bound for Flanders was chased in there by Captains Sparling and Smith, having 16 pieces of ordnance, and as much silver as amounts to 100,000 pieces of 8, and that they intend bringing her to Plymouth. Arrival and departure of ships named.	62
„ 22	Capt. Wm. Crispin, *Assistance, Falmouth.*	Rob. Blackborne	Victualled and tallowed his ship for 5 months, and has been plying eastward by order of the Generals. Put into Falmouth and received some more men; hearing there are some Dutch men-of-war about the Land's End, intends plying that way. Of the 40 men pressed by Capt. Mills all but 4 are landsmen, and taken from their callings in the field, to the prejudice of the country. He suffers the seamen to be cleared on feeing the constables. Has sent Capts. Humphreys and Sparling their instructions for sailing to Ireland.	63
„ „	Gates Neilor -	Major Thomson.	Is accused of receiving a false ticket of John Manning, slain in the Bonadventure. Manning was his apprentice and nephew; thanks them for what they further did for his sister, Manning's mother, and asks them to clear him. Had a servant named Dickinson blown up in the same ship, but he has come home well.	64
„ „	E. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	The Navy Commissioners could state the Dover accounts for sick and wounded, if they could pass them, but as considerable sums are charged for apparel, without application to particular persons, asks whether they will be allowed.	65
„ „	Wm. Johnson, Mayor of *Newcastle.*	„	Acquainted the master of the ship at Shields of their advertisement that, as there were 30 or 40 Dutch men-of-war at the back of the Goodwin, he was to stay until further order. There have also been 15 or 16 seen lately standing off to sea.	66
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends muster book of the Little Charity; also a warrant for appointment of Mr. Taylor as joiner to the dockyard there in the place of Mr. Wynn, deceased, as he has already officiated, and is recommended by Mr. Tippetts.	67

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Oct. 22	Nich. Callow, master, and 16 other officers and seamen of the *Lily frigate*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of their arrears of wages, and compensation for the loss of all they possessed when the ship was cast away. Are now engaged under Capt. Blofield in the Convert. Endorsed with account of each man's loss in clothes, instruments, &c., total 89*l.*, and order to the Navy Commissioners to make out bills for what is thought fit to be allowed, amounting in the whole to 44*l.* 10*s.*	68, 69
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To enter Robert Migford as boatswain at Woolwich, with 60*l.* a year, giving him instructions -	70
„ „	„ - -	„	To allow the sick and wounded their wages during cure, on certificates from their captains, the surgeons, or the magistrates where they are quartered.	71
„ „	„ - -	„	To allow to the captains, lieutenants, and masters of ships ⅔ of their wages during rigging time, and to the inferior officers and seamen their full pay.	72
„ „	„ - -	—	Order to report to the Council of State, on the petition of 7 Dutch prisoners in the Mews, that the disposal both of officers and men should be referred to the Committee for Prisoners.	73
„ 23	John Best, *Hull* -	Robt. Blackborne	Is willing to serve the State in any capacity, according to a promise made at Deal to Vice-Adm. Lawson.	74
„ „	Capt. Simon Orton, *Swan, Yarmouth Roads.*	Col. Fitch.	A Dane has come in, who passed off Cromer the Holland fleet from the Sound, consisting of 800 sail, whereof 60 were men-of-war and 4 East Indiamen.	75
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their letter to Col. Whetham, and hopes he will examine the business about the master of the Great Charity, and report. 20,000 loads of timber being ordered for the State's yards, if the Lord General will order 2,000 loads of timber for Portsmouth it may be had, and another 1,000 of the State's own, as 300 trees have been marked in Carisbrooke Park, 500 in South Bear Forest, and smaller parcels in other parts of this country. On coming down, found the yards lying open, and heard many complaints of the workmen wasting their time. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, 24 Oct.	76, 77
„ „	„ „ -	„	Will send to Weymouth for the powder. The Speaker and the ships that came in with her have sailed, and others named will soon sail if money and other necessaries are supplied.	78
„ 24	„ „	Navy Com^rs	The Essex, Bristol, and Charity are in the harbour refitting and victualling, and if not stayed for money and commanders, they may be soon at sea. All the ships from the westward, save the Speaker, are also out of victuals, and have 11 months' pay due. Wants the shipwrights who are to build the small frigates hastened down.	79
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Robt. Blackborne	No time has been lost in refitting the Paragon, but the Fairfax's being in the dock has somewhat delayed the work. Particulars of other ships.	80
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has directed the East India and other ships bound eastward to take the benefit of the first wind. Capt. Hawkes of the Westergate has come in, and reports that there are between 30 and 40 Dutch men-of-war abroad. The Satisfaction has brought in two bankers of Rouen and Hunflete [Honfleur ?] laden with fish.	81

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1653. Oct. 24	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Generals at sea, *Whitehall.*	Will wait for orders respecting the brass ordnance at Jersey and Guernsey and the iron at Weymouth. The Little President and Hector have not yet come in with the pretended Ostender they have taken, but a ship of London lately arrived saw 4 great Dutch ships at the mouth of the Channel who chased him, and are supposed to be those from Rochelle. The Providence is taking in 14 days' provisions, being appointed one of the convoys for the East India and other ships bound eastward. The Ruby and other ships are westward.	Vol. 60. 82
„ „	Wm. Johnson, Mayor of *Newcastle.*	Adm. Com.	Has given notice to all the ships in the river outward bound that they may now put forth to sea. They ask convoy for their safety.	83
„ „	Jno. Jenifer, *Strand*	Thos. Smith, Navy Comr.	Desires his influence in procuring the place of clerk of the check for his son in the Mary Rose. He has served in her 5 months under Capt. Poole.	84
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth*	Adm. Com.	Will press all the men possible, and send them to Major Bourne at Harwich, but the herring fishing not being at an end, and the coal fleet out of the harbour, fears but few will be obtained. Received their intimation of the Holland fleet's being upon the coast.	85
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Beccles.*	Gens. Monk and Blake, *Whitehall.*	Begs to be excused from the present expedition on account of infirmity, but will use his best means to fit himself to serve the commonwealth.	86
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Report on the petition of Mary, widow of Jno. Freeberry, surgeon of the Bonadventure, that the 28*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* stopped out of the gratuity of 50*l.* granted her, was for medicines to recruit his chest and for the expenses of his sickness and burial, supplied by Mr. Longland at Leghorn. With note by her requesting a speedy reply, being far from home and having 3 fatherless children.	87, 88
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To examine the accounts of Capt. Mills, and make him fit allowance - - - -	89
„ „	„ -	„	To grant the pay of Dan. Bateman, of the Pearl, although his captain, against whom he has informed, refuses to sign his ticket.	90
„ 25	Mat. Prosser and 7 other mariners of the *Tiger.*	Adm. Com.	For payment for their salary during a month's imprisonment, and recompense for their clothes, lost in a Dutch prize ship which was retaken by a Dutch man-of-war when separated from the fleet by foul weather. With orders thereon for 40*s.* a piece for them.	91
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Hopes they will accept 3 bills, one for 200*l.* and two for 100*l.* for so much received for the service. Wants an abstract of all the bills he has drawn upon them or the treasurer, as he is endeavouring to shut up an account, and refrain from further meddling with money. Neither the hulk nor the hoy with stores has arrived, and the want of necessaries prejudices the service. The house he has bought for 330*l.* can be put in repair for 7*l.* or 8*l.*, and made capable of receiving as many stores as are needful, but the wharf will cost 20*l.* The want of money to pay off seamen gives rise to much clamour and complaint, they being out of clothes. Wishes some clothes could be sent down; also a glazier.	92

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Oct. 25	Mary Pike - -	Thos. Smith.	Begs a search of the books of the Seven Brothers to know whether the tickets of Wm. Pike, yeoman, and Jno. Wade, able seaman, have been paid.	93
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will put the warrants in force for impressing seamen. Letters should be sent to the justices of peace for Devon and Cornwall to summon the country to impress all able seamen. Two prizes taken by the Pearl have come in, laden with salt and pitch; wants 12 tons of pitch, the rest, 50 tons, would be useful for the service. Only one of the Newfoundland ships has arrived at Falmouth, and if the rest have not put into Scilly, they are much to be feared for, as there are several men-of-war at the mouth of the Channel. Has not heard from Council tending to an embargo.	94
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^rs	The Assistance and 6 others are refitted and] supplied, and gone out of harbour, but hemp is much needed. Two prizes taken by the Pearl have come in, and as one has 40 or 50 tons of pitch or rosin, which will be useful for the navy, will prevent its sale until further order.	95
„ „	Mich. Marsh for the Postmasters [Press-masters?].	Col. Rich	Having attended daily for 3 weeks without success, desires order to the Navy Commissioners to make out bills for payment of their salaries; are at great charge daily for horses and servants, and hay and corn very dear.	96
„ „	Gates Neilor, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has been prevented coming up to Tower wharf by a thick fog, but hopes to come next tide -	97
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Redriff.*	Generals of the Fleet.	Arrived at Deptford yesterday, where his men were paid; cannot wait on them, being unwell -	98
„ „	John Leare - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of 5*l.*, the quarter's rent due for Hill House, Chatham, and an order to the treasurer to pay the same quarterly in future on notice, as, residing in the country, he cannot attend upon them as formerly. With order to the Navy Commissioners to make out a bill as requested.	99, 100
„ 26	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To make out a bill for 50*l.* for the quarter's salary of Capt. Wm. Wildey, their agent, and his clerk.	101
„ „	John Arthur, *Weymouth.*	C.O.S. and Adm. Com.	Has put the warrants in execution for impressing men, and appointed a place for meeting the constables, and hopes to give a good account shortly. Capt. Browne from Morlaix met 50 or 60 Dutch ships standing towards the coast of Normandy. Hopes the Newfoundland ships will arrive safe this fair weather.	102
„ „	Nich. Foster and Thos. Bower, *Phœnix, Hope.*	Thos. Scott.	Account of the defective state of their masts, shrouds, stays, &c. - - - - -	103
„ „	Roger Quarles, *Thame.*	Thos. Smith.	To procure him a steward's place, being well versed in its duties - - - - -	104
„ „	Capt. Robt. Kirby, *Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends up Edw. Greenaway, the steward, with an account of stores on board; begs he may be hastened back; is ready to sail westward.	105

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Oct. 26	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Desires some course may be taken for impressing 500 seamen, and sending them down, as the works cannot be performed without; there is a great want of French canvas, rosin, and masts. Details of ships.	106
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	The 40 soldiers have arrived from the Tower, but not the 500 seamen, for whom there is a great want, as also of shipwrights, as there are many ships named in hand, and the men in harbour are very neglectful, lying so near alehouses, which ought to be suppressed or searched every morning. Will launch the Half Moon and Paul to-morrow. Note of men entered on board the George and 5 other ships.	107, 108
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	The Essex, Bristol, and Little Charity will be ready to sail, on being supplied with commanders and money; the flyboat victualling ships are ready to take in provisions; one of the masters of the ships with masts from Hamburg desires his freight, but they know not the terms of hire.	109
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Will observe their order as to paying off the ships; has taken proceedings to check further mutiny amongst the seamen, and the troop has come down. Is in great want of the hulk and provisions. Having lost 700*l.* by the Dutch, desires a grant of 2 or 3 of their prizes at Yarmouth, paying their full value; can employ them as a private man-of-war and to fetch masts.	110
„ 27	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for the allowance granted him for extra service. Asks his influence in procuring him 2 or 3 Dutch prizes.	111
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been to Shoreham and Arundel, and provided 200 loads of plank and treenails for building 2 great ships at Portsmouth; desires orders for felling more. The new frigate building at Shoreham is progressing and wants her officers. The Ruby and 4 others are in the Road; the Portland has brought in a prize of 250 tons with wine, &c.	112
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne.	The ships that have come in, having been promised money, will now not stir without it, and the absence of their commanders is an obstruction.	113
„ „	Wm. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	Navy Com[rs]	Will endeavour to procure 2 or 3 ships to carry the goods for Yarmouth. The tar will cost 33*s.* per last, the same as in London; none will meddle with it without a convoy.	114
„ „	Capt. Rich. Kingman, *Plymouth.*	„	Convoyed some vessels to St. Malo, and found the inhabitants very abusive on account of the Sapphire having taken some of their ships bound for Spain. Cruising near the Land's End, met a frigate of Sebastian bound for Flanders, with bars of silver and pieces of 8 for the Prince of Condé; hearing of some abuse done by her to some English, has brought her in for examination, as also some Newfoundland and other ships he met with at Scilly.	115
„ 28	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	40 of the East India ships have sailed towards the East; a great Dutch flyboat taken by the Pearl, and a small pink laden with lemons taken by the Ruby, have come in. There are several Brest and other men-of-war towards the Land's End and mouth of the Channel; hopes our ships have cleared them, but there is no news yet of the New England ships with the masts.	116
„ „	Capt. Eli Drewe, *Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Sends copy of his warrant from the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, and desires their further commands.	117

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Oct. 28	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desire they will impress money on account of wages due to the mariners of the Merlin, turned over to the fisher hoy at Deptford, as they are in great want of clothes, &c.	118
„ „	Wm. Burton, *Whitehall.*	„	Has given a bill of 307*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* for the use of Wm. Bell, in part payment for hemp purchased of him.	119
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Received their order for paying some seamen of the Tiger who were taken prisoners in Holland 40*s.* a piece for the loss of their clothes, but as there are others in like condition, desire a general order respecting them.	120
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to take care for receiving into the stores 963 barrels of powder and 114 masts shipped from Hamburg 10 Sept. by Rich. Bradshaw, according to his letter, and an invoice of Dan. Hechstetter, inclosed.	121–123
„ 29	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order as to calling in the ships at St. Helen's, and paying them off; begs that the paymaster may be ordered down. The Elias has come in, her captain and master being wounded in a fight with a French man-of-war of 22 guns, which they have also brought in.	124
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the dimensions of a new frigate building at Shoreham; also a survey of her made by Mr. Castle; also a survey of cables and anchors in store by Roger Granger and two others. The Victuallers' agents much obstruct business by the non-delivery of beer. There being a rumour of Tromp being in the Channel, 12 of the State's ships have gone out.	125–128
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Capt. Howett has sent in a prize, and commanded all the ships at Portsmouth to sail to St. Helen's Road, for young Tromp and his fleet has been seen off the Lizard coming up the Channel; as they sail heavily there are hopes of meeting with them. Note of ships in Portsmouth harbour.	129
„ „	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Dartmouth.*	„	While cruising on the coast of Holland, took two busses with fish, but lost them through tempestuous weather; hears they were retaken and brought into Scarborough and Yarmouth; also took 2 Frenchmen with fish, and delivered them to the prize officers at Plymouth. Has orders to press men, and then put to sea to seek the Speaker, and observe Capt. Howard's directions.	130
„ „	John Pearson -	„	Receipt of 210*l.* from Anth. Wells, for 3 months' freight of the Bonadventure of Hull - -	131
„ 30	Lawrence Hardy -	„	Petition for a boatswain's place in the new frigate building at Woolwich; served in several ships, and was in the engagements with the Dutch, in one of which he was wounded, taken prisoner, and lost all he possessed.	132
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne	Are paying off the ships which are now waiting for men. The Commissioners are still as silent as to granting him some of the small prizes as they are in other things; hopes the time for his continuance at Harwich will be short, as he is bound to preserve the remainder of his estate. Formerly desired him to remember his brother, Capt. Earning, for one of the fourth-rate frigates building, and wrote the Commissioners thereon, but with little success; shall stop his mouth for the future.	133

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Oct. 30	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Poortmans, the paymaster, having arrived, will begin paying off the ships, and endeavour to re-engage the men for the ships ordered out. Shall begin with those ships whose men behaved best, and make a difference with the refractory. The Swan has gone to ply between Harwich and the Humber, and to convoy ships from Hull, and then to come up the river to revictual.	134
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^rs	Asks a copy of the contract for the new frigate building; also a bill of imprest; there is money enough here to answer that and other occasions; there is no hope of satisfying the men without full pay, as they are an unruly generation, and to get the ships manned is difficult to effect. The hulk has arrived at last. Wants a glazier and 3 or 4 pinnaces from 25 to 30 feet long.	135
„ 31	Wm. Burton, *Whitehall.*	„	Has drawn a bill on the Navy Treasurer for 250*l.* payable to the Commissioners of the Prize Office, and one for 350*l.* payable to John Frederick, alderman of London, for hemp purchased for the State; begs they may be paid.	136
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Whitehall.*	„	Desires victuals and other necessaries sent to the Gillyflower in the Hope - - -	137
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Sends a complaint respecting the want of rigging and cordage for the Phœnix, some having been embezzled. Seamen are much wanted for the ships afloat, as nothing is done but to those in dock, which having men on board wages, the paying of them on Saturday night gives much trouble. Is glad there is a master attendant at Woolwich, as it will give him some ease in the fitting of ships. Begs that his own salary may be made equal to that of the former master attendants.	138
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	„	To supply the Tulip with victuals, her carpenter's work being finished - - - -	139
Oct. ?	Peter Pett, *Woolwich*	„ *Tower Hill.*	Trouble in paying the mutinous seamen of the ships at Chatham. Is hastening the great frigate at Woolwich, but wants treenails, &c. Begs favour for a relative in the business of cottons and kerseys.	140
				Vol. 61.
Nov. 1	Prize officers -	Navy Com^rs	Will deliver the two ships Church of Edam and the Hope, as soon as the Admiralty Judges have condemned them, having sold the salt. The Black Cock is delivered.	1
„ „	Jas. Clerk of *Boston*	„	Has bought 20 tons of Riga hemp at 33*s.* a ton ready money, which he will make into cordage of any size at 7*l.* a ton. Will deliver 40 tons of English cordage at Deptford at 36*l.* a ton by Feb. next, half ready money and the remainder on delivery.	2
„ 2	Ordnance officers -	„	Ask the terms of the contracts with the merchant ships. Several of the captains have been allowed for the owners' powder and shot expended on board, and others desire it.	3
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hopes the disturbance amongst the seamen is now over. Asks how the business of the prize money is settled, as it obstructs the business there. Has acquainted the Admiralty Committee of the miscarriage of some of the sailors of the Portland; is glad Providence has disposed of Mr. Hopkins' stay there. Desires the master of the Great Charity may be proceeded against.	4, 5

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1653. Nov. 2	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Most of the ships that were in the harbour have gone to Spithead, and those remaining are in hand. There has been a mutiny amongst the crew of the Portland, which the captain put down by running in amongst them, and putting 14 in the bilboes; 3 or 4 of the worst are to be tried by a council of war. The mariners are generally very unruly until paid, and when they receive their prize money, it will be a rub to their going out.	6
„ 3	Prize officers, *Prize Office.*	Navy Com[rs]	Have received their order for paying 350*l.* to the widow of Capt. Jas. Peacock, but before doing so, ask whether they have received any account of the informations against him.	7
„ „	Lieut. Jno. Cuttle, of the *Mayflower.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for relief for the loss of his left arm in the engagement with the Dutch on 31 July, when the captain was slain. His cure has cost him 40*l.* With 2 certificates, 3 and 11 Oct.; order by the Navy Commissioners, 28 Oct., referring him to the governors of the chest at Chatham, and their report, 1 Nov., that they cannot assist him, as neither lieutenants nor captains contribute to the chest.	8–11
„ „	„ „ -	„	Begs they will think of some other way for his relief - - - - - - -	12
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Give names of 7 merchant ships taken up for the service, and of their captains - - -	13
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Has endeavoured to pacify the seamen by a promise of their wages shortly. The Centurion, Advice, and Expedition are already paid off, and progress made with the rest. The Mermaid and Assurance are nearly ready to sail.	14
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne.	Returns an order of the Council of State giving him leave to take such Dutch busses brought in as prize as he may require, and desires it may be enlarged to include a flute or two and some hoys. They have paid off the Centurion, Advice, and Expedition, and several of the men promise fair, having volunteered again; has an eye on the rest for the first appearance of mutiny; has routed many of the tippling schools, otherwise would have no quiet.	15
„ „	John Gould, *Clapham.*	Gen. Monk, *Westmr.*	Sends a letter from the press-masters, declining to release the registrar's clerk, who is messenger of the parish, and who was impressed; desires a note to them to do so.	16
„ „	Jonas Shish -	[Navy Comrs.]	Ask a convoy for 3 hoys with timber from Walderswick and Woodbridge. Is promised a great quantity to be felled by Sir Wm. Plater in the spring; there are 300 good timber trees at Newhall fit for long plank.	17
„ 4	Navy Victuallers -	Gen. Monk.	Recommend Wm. Hempson as general purser for distributing the provisions sent to the fleet -	18
„ 5	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Asks a warrant to the several builders of ships to put in extra knees or other bindings to enable them the better to bear the weight of their guns, which will be a safety to the ships.	19
„ 7	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	Expects to receive the cordage long before it is wanted. Cannot get the blockmaker to work any cheaper. Sends patterns of English canvas for sails, and asks an order to repair an anchor.	20
„ „	Wm. John[son], *Newcastle.*	„	Has sent away some of the hemp and flax as agreed by Thos. Simpson, and desires that he may have an order to unlade as soon as he arrives, so as to be able to return to take the rest.	21
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Cannot give a list of the winter guard, never having received one. As the ships in the river and at Chatham want men, have ordered the Marshal of the Admiralty to make proclamation by beat of drum for volunteers, and if that does not procure a sufficient supply, will proceed another way. There have been some consultations at the Trinity House about the service, and the result will be forwarded.	22

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1653. Nov. 7	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will deliver the bearer the plans of the 2nd rate ships. Will send a surveyor to Dean Forest, and prepare for a journey there himself, as soon as the fleet has gone from Chatham.	23
„ „	Wm. Sanders -	Gen. Monk.	Desires his interest in procuring him the medal promised, and thanks him for the gratuity received. Has no friends to procure him preferment, but when the captain of the Triumph was wounded and the lieutenant had to supply his place, the officers selected him from amongst 400 to be the lieutenant's substitute, and that in the midst of the fight. Knows that "Some deserve ere they desire, and yet do lack when they require; Some desire and never deserve, and get the gain—the other shall starve."	24
„ „	Capt. Simon Orton, *Sun, Yarmouth Roads.*	T. Turner	Not having a clerk of the check, and having occasion to clear some sick and wounded men, sends a list of them, and the date of their entry and discharge.	25
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Is glad he has been able to quiet the seamen in London; has done the same at Portsmouth, and now hopes to get out the Essex, Bristol, and Little Charity, and pay them off. Desires orders as to the timber in the forests, as also an order to come to London.	26
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have perused Capt. Mill's accounts for money expended in impressing men and conveying them to the ships, and find that 136*l.* has been paid him, therefore recommend that 68*l.* more be allowed him, thus raising his salary to 18*s.* a day.	27
„ 8	„ „ -	„	Recommend that the salary of their clerk, Mr. Turner, be augmented to 200*l.* a year, as it will take off all expectations of gratuities, and a low salary often exposes men to temptations in that kind.	28
„ „	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	Navy Comrs	Has drawn a bill upon them for 50*l.* for freight of the Truelove of Bridlington, while carrying provisions to the fleet.	29
„ 9	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Portland and two other ships are paid off, will proceed with the Bristol to-morrow. Intends to haul the Ruby and Guinea ashore for repairs, and the Discovery is also coming in. Has ordered the Dutch ships in harbour to turn over most of their men into the frigates, but they will yet want more men. Other ships named are ready to sail.	30
„ 10	Jas. Puckle for Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Desires they will order a man-of-war to convoy in the Frances and Jane, laden with hemp and flax, from Newcastle to Yarmouth, as she has been run into by a flyboat, and much damaged, and her lading likely to be lost.	31
„ „	Comrs. for Sale of Prize Goods, *Prize Office.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order to deliver a prize worth 260*l.* to Jacob Blackleach, in satisfaction for the David of London, lost in the service, but being ordered by the Council of State to sell all prizes to the best advantage, which they believe to be at auction by the candle, ask leave to allow him so much money, or so much in any ship he shall buy of them.	32

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Nov. 10	Saml. Bridgewell, clerk to the bailiffs, *Great Yarmouth.*	—	Account of clothes and linen supplied to sick and wounded men from the fleet. Total 101*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*	33
„ „	Wm. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends notice of his former letter as to shipping hemp, flax, &c., hopes the ship has safely arrived. Has paid the customs and excise.	34
„ 11	William Burton, *Whitehall.*	„	Has given two bills upon Mr. Hutchinson, navy treasurer, for 400*l.*, and 57*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*, being the amounts received at Yarmouth and of Thos. Davell for the service.	35
„ „	Comr. P. Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends Mr. Aldridge, a fit man, for his letter and instructions as forester in Dean Forest, and to mark and view timber fit for 2nd rate ships. Can get no assistance from the pressed seaman sent down; wishes some course could be thought of to keep them to their duty. Is getting the fleet away to the Hope, and the Triumph is coming in to be graved.	36
„ 12	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded Seamen, *Little Britain.*	„	Have examined the account of John Carter of Deal, and find the items mentioned, amounting to 88*l.* 18*s.*, are duly certified from the several ships.	37
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Essex, Bristol, and Little Charity, being paid off, will ply between this and Portland, and the Sampson will come in to refit; others have also been paid, and will sail with speed. As the Lily has been staved, her stores should be put on board the prize she brought in, and sent to the stores here.	38
„ „	Wm. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks for a convoy to be sent to Scarborough to bring the ship with the hemp and flax to Yarmouth. Encloses a letter reporting that a great flyboat ran into her the night she sailed from Newcastle.	39
„ 14	Wm. Waddington -	„	For an order to have the books of the Hamborough Merchant examined, so that his account may be settled, and he discharged, as his continual attendance is very prejudicial to him.	40
„ 15	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Capt. Wilkes, 4 years commander of the Swan, for the command of some other ship	41
„ 16	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has paid the Portland and other ships at Spithead. Asks for a surgeon to be sent down for the Essex, and the old one called to account, as he went to London 6 weeks since, and never returned. Will put the canvas into the stores when it arrives.	42
„ 17	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Received their order and letter to Lieut.-Col. Salmon as to the plank to be had in Lancashire, and having considered quality and price, do not think the proposition advantageous for the service.	43
„ 18	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Asks an order to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to advance the money allowed for sick men. Will furnish the Assistance with masts. The Richard and Martha has brought in a Dutch ship laden with currants.	44
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Never heard of the ship Relief being engaged by the State, neither can Capt. Badiley give any information; therefore cannot certify what is due to her owners.	45

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Nov. 18	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Received their order for building of four 2d rate ships but not the plans; although Mr. Pett is very able in ship building, yet as it is a business of such great concern, and many able men's parts have been laid out in that way, it will be best to take the advice of able shipwrights and commanders of experience, and build them upon such dimensions and contrivances as shall be agreed.	46
„ „	Jno. White, *Ordnance Office.*	—	Certificate that Godfrey Reader, master gunner of the Kentish frigate, on his return from sea, delivered his remains of powder, shot, and ammunition into the stores, which was found just, besides 5 barrels 37 lbs. of gunpowder, which he alleged was taken prize.	47
„ „	John Reeve, check of the *Great President.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order for payment of his wages, the other ship officers whose wages were stopped at the same time, being now paid. With certificate by Capt. Fras. Parke in his favour.	48, 49
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Send their report concerning the widow and children of Capt. Mildmay, which had to be delayed until they saw the resolves of Parliament; desire he will present it to the Admiralty Committee.	50
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Col. Nath. Whetham and Capt. Robt. Peacock, responsible men, are content to engage for securing the 600*l.* ordered by the Parliament to be given to the widow of Capt. Taylor for the benefit of herself and children.	51
„ „	Wm. Hardy, mariner	„	Petition for a gratuity of 5*l.*, awarded to each of the company of the Leopard, of which he was one, for retaking the Phœnix from the Dutch in the Straits. With certificate of Capt. Owen Cox on his behalf.	52, 53
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	„	Rich. Graves, Rich. Deane, Cornet Wm. Combie, and Peter Scutt, draper of London, will be security for the proportion of the 1,000*l.* granted by Parliament for Capt. John Mildmay, which is for his children.	54
„ 19	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends account by Thos. Newberry of disbursements in bringing powder, shot, arms, and ammunition specified from the magazine at Weymouth to Portsmouth, total 29*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*, as also of what is remaining. Most of the seamen when paid run, and all the ships in St. Helen's Road want from 40 to 60 men. Capt. Arthur of Weymouth has given press and conduct money to 180 men, but only 40 have appeared, and most of those pretend their clothes are in London. The Sussex and 3 others are in harbour, but will shortly be ready if men are not wanting.	55–58
„ 20	Capt. Fras. Kirby -	—	Certificate that Giles Heather, clerk of the check to the Princess Maria, discharged his duties well.	59
„ 21	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hopes the news from Holland will not cause us to slacken our hands, but to go on vigorously. Sends copy of his letter of 23 Oct. to the Navy Commissioners as to where 20,000 loads of timber may be had, also of one from the Admiralty Committee. The master of the Great Charity, who was committed to prison for an unnatural crime, is dead.	60, 61
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Received their order to audit the accounts of the bailiffs of Andover for their disbursements for Dutch prisoners, but as they have no time, unless they neglect the business of their own office, desire it may be referred to the Committee appointed for that purpose.	62

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1653. Nov. 22	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Sends list of ships in the Hope, with an account of their wants; desires a speedy supply; wants the ships refitting in the river hastened down. Sends examinations of the gunner and the gunners' mate of the Paul.	63
„ „	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends letter from Chatham for a supply of cordage, &c. required, but cannot comply, as there is a hoy already waiting for cables that are to come from Mr. Davison and others, and Mr. Pumfield has also failed in making them. The want of seamen stops work, as the labourers are taken off from their proper duty.	64
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends an account of men entered on ships fitting out. Distributed the 100*l.* amongst the soldiers, who are very serviceable, and urgent for more money. Wants an order to pay some seamen from Harwich, and other remote places, their conduct money.	65
„ 23	Capt. John Wettwang, *Sparrow, Deptford.*	„	For an order for provisions; also for the wages of the clerk of the check and steward, that they may look after the victuals.	66
„ „	Christ. Hopper and Roger King, mariners.	Adm. Com.	Petition for recompense for loss of their clothes and goods while serving in the Leopard, taken by the enemy in the Straits. With certificates by Capt. Hen. Appleton and Robt. Daines, purser, in confirmation thereof.	67–69
„ „	Rich. Lyons and Ol. Hutchinson.	—	Certificates that Edw. Tarleton is a fit person to take the command of one of the State's ships, he having had much experience.	70, 71
„ 24	Comr. Peter Pett -	Navy Com^rs	Has viewed the Mayor of Dover's accounts for sick and wounded men, and sent them up to Mr. Turner, but abated 22*l.* 10*s.*, demanded as travelling charges for Mr. Day to Portsmouth. Will leave for Chatham on Saturday.	72
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett and Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Edw. Rands, late clerk of the check to the Merchant's Delight, for employment -	73
„ „	Edw. Rands -	„	Petition for a place as clerk of the check - - - - - - - - -	74
„ 25	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	„	Send the accounts of Phil. Borde, late, and Alex. Cooper, present bailiffs of Andover, of disbursements for sick and wounded men and prisoners, with observations thereon. Total, 214*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* Balance due, 94*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* With bill of exchange for 80*l.*	75–78
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure.*	„	Has directed the Advice to convoy the 4 merchant ships at Hull to Hamburg, but doubts whether they can go as far as the town, as some Danish men-of-war are riding there. Has issued commissions for Capt. Allen to command the Advice, Lieut. Lloyd the Princess Maria, and Abraham Algate the Drake.	79
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Ipswich.*	Navy Com^rs	At the launching of the two frigates at Woodbridge, drew two bills on the Treasurer for 190*l.* and 100*l.* Thanks for their letter by Capt. Taylor. None of the boats that left 10 days ago have yet arrived.	80
„ 26	Samuel Windis, *Chester.*	„	Sends a letter of Roger Jones, captain of the Paradox, in Chester water. With letter enclosed, asking for an order for a cable, having to carry some officers to Dublin, 24 Nov. 1653.	81, 82

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Nov. 26	Com. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm.Com.	Have had several meetings on the petition of Thos. Woodford, as to concealed lands in Kent, but as they cannot arrive at any discovery, some person should be appointed to examine the records in the Exchequer, and confer with Auditor Darrell; he refuses to give any account, although he alleges he knows something about them.	83
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	„	Recommend Fras. Bacon and Jno. Brandling of Ipswich, and John Woodward of Capel, Suffolk, as trustees for securing the gratuity of 750*l.*, ordered by Parliament for the widow and 5 children of Capt. Jas. Peacock.	84
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	„	Wants an order sent to press some seamen who have gone to Dover and Deal for the purpose of going on board merchant ships outward bound; will send the Nonsuch ketch to the Hope to receive them.	85
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	The Newcastle, Assurance, and Expedition have sailed. Has been to Woodbridge to see to the launching of the 2 frigates, which was well performed, but they will not be out of harbour for 5 or 6 weeks. The Unity has come in for orders. Particulars of other ships.	86
„ 28	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Josias Crow as master of one of the frigates building at Woodbridge - -	87
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Thos. Booth as master in the ropeyard at Woolwich - - - - - -	88
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	John Poortmans, secretary to the Generals of the fleet.	The Hector has arrived from Jersey with 70 mortar pieces, granadoes, &c., and the Little President is expected with 24 pieces of brass ordnance. There has been no Commander-in-Chief in the road for 3 weeks; is troubled to see clean frigates spend their victuals and grow foul, and none to give orders. Recommends And. Alford, boatswain of the Speaker, for appointment in the Old Warwick.	89
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Is prosecuting the order of the Admiralty Committee, and will send an account; thanks for intelligence and news books.	90
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Beccles.*	Adm. Com.	The bailiffs of Southwold having received 100*l.* of him for sick and wounded seamen quartered by them, and not having rendered any account, shall detain the 200*l.* yet in hand, until the business is settled. Desires order to press men for the Triumph, which is ready to sail, and reimbursement of his expenses therein; also leave to furnish her with guns, 26 being taken out of her.	91
„ 29	David Yale - -	Navy Comrs	Sends his accounts for fitting out a ship to fetch masts and tar from New England, and desires order for payment of the balance, 132*l.*, 60*l.* whereof is owing for salt per Mr. Willoughby. Being sent by the Council of State, presented his accounts to them, but they have no time to attend to them.	92

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Nov. 29	Gen. Geo. Monck, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered a strict search to be made after the Dutch prize, sold and refitted by several Dutchmen for a man-of-war; Mr. Vandeput ought to be summoned to give an account of her, she having been bought by him.	93
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is hastening the despatch of the remainder of the ships, but this place is very wild in the winter, the westerly winds being so fierce that they can only work half time. Is very wishful to come to London, but would return if required.	94
„ „	Wm. Billers -	—	Account of 1,320 barrels of powder sent to the stores at Portsmouth - - - -	95
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm.Com.	The Paragon sails to-morrow, the Lion next week, and the James and others will follow. Has little help from seamen, and has to make use of the soldiers and labourers to despatch the business.	96
„ „	Gen. Monk -	„	Recommends Jno. Rively as master in one of the frigates lately launched, and encloses his certificate.	97
„ 30	Com. for Sick and Wounded Men, *Little Britain.*	„	The trustees for the gratuity given by Parliament to the widow and children of Capt. Jas. Peacock, having been approved, desire that the bond may be signed at Ipswich, and the money paid there, and that Jno. Aldus and Emanuel Sorrell, with the bailiffs and two others, may be witnesses to the sealing and delivery.	98
„ „	Thos. Turner, clerk to the Navy Comrs.	„	Petition for increase of salary. Has been 30 years in the office, and gained great experience, but the burden of business on him is heavy. With account of his daily duties, and the documents which pass through his hands, and are in his custody, or which he has to draw up.	99, 100
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	—	Estimate of what monies are owing in the navy, and will become due and payable on 31 Dec. 1653; total, 330,000*l.*	101
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The 2 frigates building at Woodbridge are launched, but will not be finished for some time. Asks orders for the Unity, as she is lying idle in port; the Advice wants a commander and victuals. Asks a small frigate to clear the coast between Yarmouth and the Swinn, and to preserve trade, as a Dutch man-of-war is plying up and down, and chased a small vessel into Woodbridge.	102
„ „	Rich. Hooker, steward of the *Weymouth.*	„	For a hearing or release on bond to appear on summons. Has been committed to the guard in Whitehall since 15 Nov., without bed or refreshment, whereby his health is prejudiced, and knows not for what crime.	103
„ „	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol*	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of the building of a frigate. Will observe all instructions - - - -	104
Nov. ?	Robt. Tatnall -	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment. Was usher to the late Admiralty Committee, and applied to the Council of State, but they referred him to the present Committee.	105
„ „	George Holdcroft -	„	Petition for the command of the Black Raven, a Flemish ship; with his commission to serve as master of the John and Abigail, 29 April 1853, and certificate by Mark Harrison, 28 Nov. 1653, that Holdcroft served under him diligently in the said ship.	106–108
„ „	Sam. Howe, actuary	„	Note of claimants on the lading of the St. John de Grace - - - - - -	109

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1653. Nov. 30	Gregory Tom -	Adm. Com.	To be lieutenant of the Convert, as desired by Capt. Blowfield. Has been an officer many years, and was sent the 2 last summers out of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment to serve at sea, and has thus gained experience. With certificate by Capt. John Mill, 17 Nov.	Vol. 61. 110, 111
Dec. 1	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To make out a bill to Jas. Wiche, owner of the Relief, for 756*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* for guns, ammunition, &c. delivered in the Straits to Capt. Badiley's fleet.	Vol. 62. 1
„ „	„ -	„	To make out a bill to Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey for 6*l.* 10*s.* for boat hire, &c. in carrying 455 soldiers on board the fleet at Dover, 12 Feb. 1653. With bill thereof.	2
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Understanding by Vice-Admiral Penn that Robert Durnford, who was appointed captain of the new frigate building by Capt. Taylor at Wapping, is dead, recommends Capt. Rich. Stayner to succeed him, Capt. Robt. Sansom to command the Foresight, and Capt. Ledgant the Bryer.	3
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^rs	Desires them to order payment of the wages due to Math. Meachem of the Fairfax, while serving in the Unicorn in the summer expedition.	4
„ „	Wm. Rendell -	„	Petition for a boatswain's place, having so served on board the Warwick. With 2 certificates in his favour.	5, 6
„ 2	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Account of ships fitting out and the number of men entered on board 5 named - - -	7
„ „	J. Miller, *Tower* -	„	Cannot give any certain account what he paid the watermen for carrying seamen into the Hope, &c., as he paid them according to the time they lost, sometimes 40*s.* or 50*s.*	8
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have given order for a ship to be cut, and a place prepared to lay masts in the yard at Woolwich, for a storehouse to be built there for the cordage with a sail room over it, and for a hulk to be made out of some old ship for setting masts. As the Violet is unfit for service without great charge, she might be so used.	9
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has sent the Pelican prize and the Success to convoy the Little President from Jersey with the brass ordnance.	10
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To make a bill for 32*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* to Lieut.-Col. Salmon for disbursements of Col. Overton, Governor of Hull, in impressing seamen.	11
„ „	Com. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	„	Recommend Nich. Howard and Jno. Wright, citizens and grocers, and Wm. Allen, merchant, and Joshua Wowlnough, linendraper, of London, as trustees for the money given by order of Parliament to the widow, mother, and children of Capt. Nath. Jesson.	12
„ 3	„ „ -	„	Recommend Hugh Floyd, baker, Tower Hill, Jno. Walker, surgeon, Robt. Barnes, mariner, and Mr. Townsend, scrivener of Gracechurch Street, as trustees for the 160*l.* granted by Parliament to the widow and children of Capt. Roger Crispe.	13
„ „	„ „ -	„	Recommend George Potts and Capt. Robert Sansom as trustees for the 400*l.* granted by Parliament to the widow and children of Capt. Holding.	14

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Dec. 3	Com. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Capt. John Crowther, Thos. James of Buningford, Herts, and John Hinson, surgeon of London, as trustees for the sum granted by Parliament to the widow of Capt. Button.	15
,, ,,	———	—	List of 18 ships in the Hope which are to sail on Tuesday with the General, and of 7 that are to follow when ready; with notes of their wants.	16
,, ,,	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To make out a bill for 4*l.* 10*s.* to Rich. Nutt, master of the State's barges, for himself and other watermen attending Gen. Monk with a 10-oared barge to the Hope on 12 Nov. With his bill.	17, 18
,, ,,	,, -	,,	Like order for 22*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* to John Owens, for paper, books, &c. for the Admiralty Committee, from 9 Aug. to 30 Nov. last. With his bill.	19, 20
,, ,,	,, -	,,	Like order for 383*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for Pet. Biggleston, for wheat taken for Gen. Blake's fleet off Lisbon; by a Council of State order of 22 Sept. last.	21
,, ,,	,, -	,,	Like order for 400*l.* imprest to Ant. Keylock for the Mayor of Dover, on account of 700*l.* disbursements for sick and wounded.	22
,, ,,	,, -	,,	Like order for 50*l.* to Mat. Lynde, late surgeon of the Rainbow, on his petition for expense of medicines for prisoners, planters, and mariners taken by Sir John Ayscue in his expedition to Sally and the Barbadoes.	23
,, ,,	,, -	,,	To order the Violet to be made a hulk for setting of masts, &c. at Woolwich; also to order the making of a ropeyard, building a wall about the yard, &c. at Portsmouth as desired by Mr. Willoughby.	24
,, ,,	Prize officers -	,,	Will deliver the knees of the Hooker hoy at Ratcliff, on order from the Admiralty Court, and will let the Advocate know the occasion the State has for them.	25
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Sends the contracts for the hire of ships, and a demand for masts, deals. The account of stores delivered to the Discovery has not arrived. Asks them to write Major Bourne for an account of what he supplies to the ships, so that they may be charged to the respective officers.	26
,, ,,	Jno. White, *Mathias*	,,	For an order for his officer, Rich. Hobbs, to receive some provisions in lieu of those he was forced to leave at Gravesend.	27
,, ,,	Jno. Poortmans, *Swiftsure.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	The General will go to sea on the 6th inst. with as many ships as may be necessary, so as to effect a conjunction with those to the westward, and has sent directions for Capt. Howett and the ships in Ellen's Road to sail to the Downs to meet him. Provisions for the ships should be sent down, and instructions for disposing of the money lately received. The Governor of Tilbury Fort has stayed the St. John, according to the General's orders, and the master and mate are secured.	28
,, ,,	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Sends petition and certificate of — Wiburn, and desires he may be appointed carpenter to one of the new 2nd rate frigates, and allowance made for the wounds he received in the engagement off Portland.	29
,, 5	Randolph Titte, Mayor of *Chichester.*	,,	Sends his accounts for Dutch prisoners; has been at much trouble in daily payments for 8 months. They beg some fire this cold winter. With bill, total 313*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*, and receipts 350*l.* Also reference thereon, 12 Dec., to the Navy Commissioners.	30–32

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Dec. 5	Thos. Turner, clerk of the Navy.	—	Certificate that Capt. Wm. Penn served as commander of the Lion, from 16 Aug. to 16 Sept. 1650, and in the Fairfax from 17 Sept. to 3 Nov. following, and has not received any pay.	33
„ „	Major John Wade, *Gloucester.*	Adm. Com.	Repeats his desire for the erection of a forge in the Forest of Dean, to convert the raw iron thrown out in the making of shot, or it will be wasted or sold to a loss. The furnace now in course of erection there is sufficient, as it will cast 15 tons of shot weekly, and consume all the wood that can be conveniently spared.	34
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Desire the victuals and stores required for 9 ships named may be sent down - - -	35
„ „	John Randall	Adm. Com.	Petition for the command of a ship or a lieutenant or gunner's place; served as master gunner in the Waterhound, and was in the engagement with the Dutch. With certificate of Capt. Thos. Jenison, Wm. Godfrey, and others in his favour.	36–38
„ „	Thos. Chetwood -	„	Petition for a cook's place in the Swiftsure, Woolwich dock. Lost a good master and a gallant livelihood by Gen. Deane's death.	39
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	„	Recommends Chetwood for a cook's place in one of the new frigates, he having been employed by the late Gen. Deane, and the Commissioners for Prize Goods.	40
„ „	„ „ -	„	Recommends Robt. Bellamy for the place of steward in one of the new frigates, he having been steward of the Stork.	41
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Edw. Hopkins, Navy Comr.	Hears of 2 new generals, alterations in the Admiralty Committee, and 2 new clerks of the check at Deptford and Woolwich, his clerk being one. Needs another clerk. The warrant received from the victuallers contradicts the one he gave them, as his was only for 3 or 4 months' victuals all round, while theirs is entirely different and has caused much confusion. Complains of transactions between them and the master shipwright without his knowledge.	42
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs^	Cannot give an account of the stores at present, as a whole shipload of herrings are in the way. Has had many bills brought in signed by Mr. Green, and conceives those of small amount may be paid there, and thus do the poor men good.	43
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Rigging of ships at Woodbridge, Deptford, Blackwall, and Wapping. Has sent a demand to Woolwich for supplies, and received some cordage.	44
„ 6	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships, and work done or to be done on each. Men are wanting in several	45
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	„	Edm. Bostwick, mariner, Robt. Waklin, rope merchant, and Rebecca Bampford, the mother, are willing to become trustees for the money given to Capt. Bampford's child.	46
„ „	Capt. Jno. Wettwang, *Sparrow, Blackwall.*	„	Recommends Wm. Watson to continue as clerk of the check on board the Sparrow - -	47
„ „	Commissioner Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Sends the names of 11 shipwrights pressed at Woolwich; as they have not appeared, desires that a messenger may be sent to hasten them down, and that they may be punished for their neglect.	48

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Dec. 6	Jonas Shish, *Halsworth.*	Adm. Com.	Has laden 3 hoys with plank, and hopes that from Woodbridge has arrived at Woolwich; is contracting with Geo. Baker, near Walderswick, for more, but it is very dear.	49
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	„	Sends proceedings of a court-martial on board the Swiftsure, touching embezzlements of stores by Joshua Hunt, steward of the Katherine, with depositions, &c. thereon, and order either to proceed against his sureties for the loss, or to return him on board the General, to receive corporal punishment. The offence is very general, and therefore others should be inquired after.	50–56
„ 7	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Refer the above case to them to see how the State may have satisfaction, and other offenders be discovered and punished.	57
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Capt. Geo. Dakins, commander of the Paragon, for compensation for wounds in the engagement with the Dutch off Portland.	58
„ „	„ „ -	„	Recommends Capt. Peter Motham, late of the Pelican, for the command of a fourth-rate frigate, and sends several certificates in his favour, notwithstanding what has been laid to his charge.	59
„ „	„ „ -	„	Sent the Nonsuch ketch to Dover a week since, and will send another to Sandwich to receive the pressed men. Has appointed 7 ships named to ply off Ushant, to intercept the Brest pirates, and protect the New England and other ships. Is weighing anchor and hopes to be under sail by noon. Desires a press warrant sent to Lee, as the merchantmen are taking men in there.	60
„ 8	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	„	Recommend Capt. Rich. Badiley, William Warren, Gregory Page, and Robt. Hayes as trustees of the money given by the State to the children of Capt. Reeve.	61
„ „	Peter Ellis, *Chatham*	„	Understands they are dissatisfied with his certificate concerning the 33 bales of Noyals canvas sent in by Mr. Bancks; has no copy of the contract; it is the best that has come in for a long time.	62
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To order a bill of imprest for 12*l.* for Jos. Bincks, minister of the Arms of Holland, on recommendation of Gen. Monck of 6 Dec.	63
„ „	„ -	„	Send the papers and order of the Council of State, concerning the Peter, in the service of the State, as the Admiralty Committee has ordered her to be restored to her owners, and also the appraised value; desire their opinions what should be done.	64
„ „	Jas. Puckle for Major Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Has surveyed the stores and sends particulars. The frigates building will not be fit to be launched for 3 months.	65
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, buoy of the Nore.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The fleet of 12 sail has come to anchor on account of the fog, and is much less in number through several ships being left behind for gunners' stores. Desires instructions as to disposing of the prize money in hand; also a copy of Council's order for receipt of the 1,500*l.*, and of the Commissioners' orders thereupon. Remembrances to his brother Creed, Mr. Carew, and Lieut. Kelsey.	66
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Old Spits.*	Adm. Com.	Sent an account of his sailing with the fleet yesterday, in order to a conjunction with the ships westward, and has appointed to meet them off the North Foreland. Has 14 ships in company, and would have had 20 but for remissness in sending down the gunners' stores; supposes they will follow. Desires the commissions may be hastened down to him or General Penn, and instructions for Poortmans as to disposing of the money lately received.	67

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Dec. 9	Rob. Houghton -	Navy Com[rs]	His clerk can give an account about the steward of the Katherine [Joshua Hunt]. No beer was retained, but all delivered on board.	68
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To appoint Rich. Bemester surgeon on one of the State's ships - - - - - -	69
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Find that the old bailiffs of Ipswich expended 3,838*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* on behalf of the sick and wounded, between 11 July and 29 Sept., and that they claim a balance of 738*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*; there are overcharges for clothes not defalcated to the men, diet, and nursing; desire orders therein, as also respecting 104*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, disbursed by the present bailiffs between 29 Sept. and 10 Nov.	70
„ „	„ „ -	„	Have taken the bonds of Rich. Granes, Rich. Deane, Cornet Wm. Combey, and Peter Scutt of Londonderry, in 1,000*l.* as security for the 500*l.* to be paid to the children of Capt. John Mildmay, they allowing 5*l.* per cent. for their maintenance, while the amount remains in their hands.	71
„ „	Capt. Sam. Dickinson.	„	Petition for allowance for the time he acted as captain of the Black Raven, a Holland man-of-war, taken by the Sussex, wherein he was lieutenant in the fight off Portland, as he was never duly entered into pay as captain. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.	72
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Joined the other Commissioners in a survey of the stores, and of what will be wanting next year. Particulars of the forwardness of ships. The powder room of the Victory was on fire this morning, through the fall of a candle, but was soon put out.	73
„ „	William Castell, *Rotherithe Wall.*	„	The frigate building at Shoreham in Sussex will be ready to launch the middle of next month -	74
„ „	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	„	To quicken the unlading of the Peter of West Friezland, laden with timber, and of the Red Heart, with anchors and iron, at Woolwich, as the delay detains the ships from sale.	75
„ „	Thos. Adams, *Woodbridge.*	„	The builder of the Maidstone frigate at Woodbridge is much hindered for want of cordage and masts, and has sent up a ship for them, which is lying at Wapping.	76
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Fortune, King's Road, near Bristol.*	„	Has arrived from Dublin, and wants careening and fitting; difficulty in obtaining supplies at Dublin and Cork.	77
„ 10	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Sends certificate of Wm. Milner of Kinsale, that Joan Chudleigh, widow of the shipwright of Kinsale, the only person there who has timber in store, declined to repair the Fortune, or to supply him with stores without order. Not being able to obtain what was needed either there or at Dublin, has come into this road to be refitted, hearing by Capt. Fuller of the Signet that there is an order to that effect. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, 22 Dec., to order her refitting.	78–80
„ „	John Falkiner -	—	Account of powder in the ordnance stores at the Tower, 2,500 barrels English, and 962 Hamburg.	81
„ „	Chas. Hadsall, gunner, *Paragon.*	—	"Complaint against Mr. Sparkes." Took a letter from Gen. Monk to Mr. Falkiner, at the Ordnance Office, for speedy dispatch of his stores, and was referred to Mr. Sparkes, his clerk, who told him it would be done in 6 weeks.	82

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Dec. 10	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Dover Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The General intends to rendezvous with the 24 sail in Ellen's Road, and distribute the ships into squadrons. They met the Speaker and 9 sail more, which he will take with him, as also any others that may come in the way. Capt. Bourne desires an order for extra allowance as the General's captain.	83
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Have taken bond of Nich. Hayward, Jno. Wright, Wm. Allen, and Joshua Woolnaught, for securing the money voted by Parliament to the children of Capt. Nath. Jesson.	84
„ „	Nich. Ridgeway of *Rochester.*	„	Petition for relief, being 73 years of age, and lately discharged, after 40 years' service as master gunner in the Paragon, formerly the Henrietta Maria, entirely through old age, and without any means of support. With certificate of Pastor Allyn Acworth, and 9 others.	85, 86
„ 12	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	„	Have taken bond of Col. Nath. Whetham and Capt. Robt. Peacock, as trustees for the gratuity given to the children of Capt. Jno. Taylor of the William, slain in the service.	87
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Desire their number of 6 may be augmented, or three more able persons appointed in their stead; 3 of them are constantly employed in remote places, and the naval affairs are now so exceedingly heavy for the remainder, that they cannot discharge the duties with satisfaction to the State, or to themselves. Details of their duties.	88
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, off Beachy.*	„	As it has been resolved at a council of war that the fleet shall ply between the Isle of Wight, Beachy, and the coast of France, the better to intercept the Dutch men-of-war and merchantmen bound for France, desires that the ships in the river and Tilbury Hope may be hastened out, as he does not know what opposition he may meet with; letters to be sent to Mr. Willoughby at Portsmouth to be forwarded.	89
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To make out bills to Jas. Wainwright, on 4 bills of exchange, for sums drawn on the Council of State by the resident of Hamburg.	90
„ „	Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Kingroad.*	„	Wants cables and stores, having had orders from Col. Phare, Governor of Cork county, to convoy some vessels to Kingroad, and return with those bound thither.	91
„ 13	Thos. Haulkly -	Mr. Smith	Sent a warrant from Gen. Monk for a cook's place in the frigate building at Blackwall, but as he has since been pressed and carried to Gravesend, desires an order for his release.	92
„ „	Major Jno. Wade, *Gloucester.*	Adm. Com.	Received their concurrence for dispensing with the erection of another furnace; the cost of a forge would be at least 150*l.*; with shorthand order for its erection.	93
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a note from Major Bourne, who had as timely notice to return an estimate of the provisions in his charge as the rest; wishes there was an order to sell all that is old and unnecessary. Details of ships. Has sent up Mr. Pulman to press 30 more ropemakers, there being plenty of hemp now in the stores.	94
„ „	[Major Burton] -	—	Depositions of Hen. Hudson, boatswain, and Walter Lysingham, master of the John Baptist, as to what ropes, cables, and canvas they received from Mr. Green of Dover.	95

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1653. Dec. 14	Capt. Hen. Hatsell -	Robt. Blackborne.	Apologises for being so brief, his wife having lately given birth to a daughter, and his welfare being bound up in hers. Wants his instructions enlarged so as to enable him to act as the exigencies of affairs shall require. If Capt. Blagg is ordered westward, will soon refit his frigate, and has interest in those parts to obtain the men needed.	Vol. 62. 96
„ „	Jonas Dell -	Mr. Hopkins.	For an order to the Treasurer for payment of his wages while clerk of the check in the Defence. Has long waited on the Treasurer, and his accounts are examined, but no notice taken of him.	97
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To order masts and bowsprit for the Bridgwater to be delivered to Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Barham.	98
„ „	„ -	„	To make a bill to Gen. Blake for pay as a general of the fleet this last year - - -	99
„ 15	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	Adm. Com.	Have taken bond of Wm. Cullen and Anth. Keylock of Dover, as trustees for the 500*l.* voted by Parliament to the children of Capt. Tatnell, late commander of the Fortune.	100
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, off the Isle of Wight.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends list of the ships under Gen. Monk which are now endeavouring to gain Ellen's Road, with the main body of the fleet; desires orders as to disposing of the prize money in hand. The General would like any news Mr. Thurloe can furnish.	101
„ 16	„ „ -	„	Encloses letters and desires Col. White may be sent down to the General about a more orderly way of gunning the fleet. Wants some of the printed instructions for stewards and clerks of the check.	102
„ „	Wm. Ackworth -	—	Receipt of 142 loads of timber into the stores at Woolwich, sent from Portsmouth for the Great Frigate.	103
„ 17	Gen. Geo. Monck, *Swiftsure, Isle of Wight.*	Adm. Com.	As there are several defective pieces of ordnance coming from Jersey in the Little President, suggests they should be recast for the use of the Marston Moor and Sovereign. Desires that Capt. Hen. Fenn, of the merchant service, may be appointed to command the Raven or Gilyflower.	104
„ „	Gen. Monk, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	„	The fleet being out, men begin to fall sick, and are put on shore at Portsmouth, Plymouth, and the Isle of Wight; wants due provision made for them and those who may follow.	105
„ 18	Major N. Bourne -	—	Account of charges in travelling from London to Ipswich, Yarmouth, Woodbridge, and Harwich on the State's service, irrespective of his diet; total, 30*l.* 5*s.*	106
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	The Horsleydown, having come in to revictual, was run into by a smack and much damaged. Had her repaired and made ready for sea, when the crew refused to serve without being paid; fearing they might run away with the vessel, has secured some of them in prison until further order.	107
„ 19	Adm. Com. -	„	To order the rebuilding of the storehouses at Portsmouth, charge not to exceed the 590*l.* of the estimate.	108
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Have taken bond of Edmond Bostwick, Robt. Waklin, and Rebecca Bampford, as trustees for the gratuity given to Capt. Bampford's child.	109

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1653. Dec. 19	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Have taken bond of Capt. Richard Badiley, Wm. Warren, Gregory Gage, and Robt. Hayes, as trustees for the gratuity given to the children of the late Capt. Jonas Reeve, commander of the Elizabeth.	110
„ „	„ „ -	„	Have taken bond of Capt. Jno. Crowther, Thos. James, and Jno. Hinson, as trustees for improving the gratuity given by Parliament to the children of Capt. Button.	111
„ „	Jas. Puckle, for Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Two vessels have arrived from Newcastle with hemp and flax, which shall be converted into cordage with all speed.	112
„ „	Devereux Pember, *Pelican prize, Stokes Bay.*	„	Sends two muster books ; sent two before by the carpenter, who went to London sick - -	113
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Only found 9 men and boys on board the Horsleydown shallop ; met 5 more of the company, who said they deserted because the vessel was good for nothing but to drown men, and they would rather lie in prison than go to sea in her. Asks orders what to do with her. Also payment of 50*l.* to Jno. Edwards, to whom he has given a bill for so much received for workmen's wages, and petty disbursements.	114
„ „	William Smithsone, *Horsleydown shallop, Dover Pier.*	„	Having come in from the Downs to victual, the Mayor directed him to carry some pressed men to the General ; was run into by a hoy, which broke the stern and rudder in pieces. Had it mended and the ship tallowed, and would have come out that night, but some of his men caused the rest in a mutinous manner to go on shore ; on going to the Mayor for a warrant, the chiefest of them fled to London. One is named Abel Outlaw, a name agreeing with his condition, and the other Jas. Huggins. They purpose to enter themselves in some other ship, and then force him to give them a ticket to receive their wages. Will ply in the North Foreland until further orders. Wants a hawser and cordage. The shallop is in good condition.	115
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	The boatswain of the Woodbridge wishes to have his rigging fitted here, which would save expense ; if what is required could be had from Woolwich, it would save 10*l.* in each ship. The shrouds and stays for the three great frigates at Deptford, Wapping, and Blackwall are ready. Desires some allowance upon each new ship, particularly as 5*l.* was allowed for fitting and rigging the Worcester, and he would be satisfied with 3*l.*	116
„ „	Rich. Newdegate -	„	Asks payment of 9*l.*, balance due as purser or clerk of the check in the Pearl, for victualling ; was promised by Commissioner Willoughby 1*s.* 2*d.* each, necessary money, but has only received 6*d.* a man, and is liable to arrest.	117
„ 20	James Jupe -	Mr. Smith, Navy Comr.	Asks him to stand his friend when his petition before the Navy Commissioners is read. Major Bourne, Lieut.-Col. Tomson, and Mr. Hopkins are satisfied of his faithfulness and abilities.	118
„ „	Thomas Orton, clerk of the check, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends some sea and muster books. Excuses the delay, having been sick with a fever. The captain has refused to sign them ; he retains money enough to have paid the men another month and behaves very strangely to him.	119

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1653. Dec. 20	Thos. Humphrey -	Gen. Rob. Blake.	Petition for a gunner's place in the Hare pink, having so served before, and been in two engagements with the Dutch. With certificate by Fras. Steward and 5 others.	Vol. 62. 120, 121
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com	Send portion of a ticket or certificate given by Peter Pett and Jno. Hayward, to Jno. Woodley or Woodlands for services on board the Gilly Flower; it was cut off to cheat the State; having no power to inflict corporal punishment, desire they will give directions therein. Also send certificate of Rich. Meade and 4 others, for services of Woodlands in the Discovery.	122–124
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Edw. Hopkins, Navy Comr.	Recommends Mr. Bemiston for employment as surgeon in one of the State's ships, he having disbursed much money in furnishing himself with requisites, and being recommended by Lieut.-Col. Kelsey.	125
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	The second instalment is due to the builder of the frigate at Hampton; he desires that this and all future payments may be made at Portsmouth.	126
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Have taken bond of Geo. Potts and Capt. Robt. Sansum, as trustees for the money given to the children of Capt. Holding.	127
„ 21	„ „ -	„	Have arranged with John Aldus and Manuell Sorrell, bailiffs of Ipswich, to see the bonds sealed and delivered, on behalf of the Lord Protector, for security of the children of Capt. Peacock, and think the 750*l.* granted to the children by Parliament will be beneficially invested in the purchase of a farm of 105 acres, yearly value 55*l.*; want the money to be paid at Ipswich, in Jan. next.	128
„ „	Gens. Geo. Monck and Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Stokes Bay.*	„	Have sent several vessels to cruise in the Channel for securing trade, as also 10 to intercept the ships they name homeward bound from Nantes and Rochelle. Have received the names of the officers for the new frigates, but hope Capts. Stayner and Plumly have not been forgotten, as Capt. Anth. Earning, who was in the merchant service, and less deserving, is provided for. The crews of the Richard and Martha, Cardiff and other ships, having been long out, want their pay. Ask orders for disposal of some Irishmen taken by the Cardiff in a Brest man-of-war; and to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, to provide provision and accommodation for sick men. The fleet is now in Stokes Bay.	129
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	To make a bill for 87*l.* 10*s.* for Wm. Hagarth, for self and servant, in curing the sick and wounded at Ipswich, 10 June to 2 Dec. last.	130
„ „	„ -	„	To repay to the present bailiffs of Ipswich 104*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, disbursed for sick and wounded, from 29 Sept. to 10 Nov. last; also 37*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* from 11 Nov. to 8 Dec.	131, 132
„ „	„ -	„	To repay to the late bailiffs the balance of 3,838*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* disbursed therefor, 3,100*l.* only being paid	133

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1653.				Vol. 62.
Dec. 21	John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has bought 8,000 deals by Mr. Willoughby's order, at 6*l.* 5*s.* per 100, the State paying the customs and excise; hopes they will order payment. The Satisfaction has sailed, and the Saphire is careened. Two ships have come in, one with Mrs. Willoughby and her family from New England. Another ship came with them, but was captured and taken to Brest; it is a great mercy the others arrived safe.	134
,, ,,	Abra. Pearce, *Essex, Spithead.*	,,	Sends the muster book; as they have 7 weeks' provisions left, they will be fit for further orders when they have taken in water.	135
,,	Edw. Stourton, *Heartsease, Stokes Bay.*	,,	Sends muster books, noting men pressed into other ships when they lay at Chatham - -	136
,, 22	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Stokes Bay.*	Generals of the Fleet, *Whitehall.*	Nothing of importance has occurred since the coming out of the fleet, but thought it his duty to send the enclosed list.	137
,, ,,	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Wishes his letters to be reported to the Commissioners, as they ask him to write 2 or 3 times a week. The Assistance, Amity, and Mary are ready, and the seamen urgent to go aboard, but they want captains and masters.	138
,, ,,	,, ,, -	,,	Sends an account of the men on the Assistance, and 4 other ships; wants more impress money -	139
,, 23	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As Capt. Wm. Badiley will not accept the place of master attendant at Portsmouth, recommend Capt. Strong. Have written Capt. Archer for an account of the charge for refitting the Fortune at Bristol. Have stopped the Sun now riding below Gravesend, but think she ought to be brought higher up, as although she has lost her sails, she may be provided with others.	140
,, ,,	Robert Sewell and Peter Ellis, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Want Ipswich canvas for the stores and ships - - - - - - - -	141
,, ,,	Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Kingroad.*	,,	Has victualled and received a cable, but wants a steward. Has charge of two vessels bound for Cork, richly laden, and shall sail with the first opportunity.	142
,, ,,	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	The accounts of the bailiffs of Southwold, for disbursements for sick and wounded men, and Dutch prisoners, amount to 1,819*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, and there is a balance of 769*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* due; 1,110 men have been entertained, and 55*l.* 10*s.*, being 1*s.* each man, has been paid, to the prejudice of the State. Also find 170*l.* charged for attendance, 80*l.* for conduct money, 20*l.* for burials, and 160*l.* for surgeons and travelling charges, and many other over-charges, requiring investigation.	143
,, ,,	Gens. Monk and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stokes Bay.*	,,	A New England ship, with masts, has been taken by two Brest men-of-war off the Soundings, but another with her is supposed to have escaped. Two vessels have since been ordered to ply off Brest in the hopes of meeting with them; it will be well to buy up all the masts at Brest, to prevent others doing so.	144

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1653.				Vol. 62.
Dec. 24	Gens. Monk and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stokes Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Send the commission and instructions of the commander of a Brest man-of-war, taken by the Cardiff, and some examinations. Have sent the prisoners taken on board to the Mayor of Portsmouth, and desire order concerning them, lest they become burdensome tc the town. Want their own commissions.	145
„ „	Thos. Thompson, captain of the *Crow.*	„	Petitions for employment, his ship being laid up - - - - - -	146, 147
„ „	Capt. Wm. Wildey, *Ratcliffe.*	„	Recommends for the command of the Providence Capt. Thompson, who served as lieutenant of the Charles under him, when he was Rear-Admiral. He then commanded the Mayflower, fought two pirates for 8 hours, and defeated them, and was removed for his services into the Crow, in which he served in the last engagement.	148
„ „	Christ. Harker -	„	Petition for a steward's place, being so employed in the Samuel; encloses certificates of Captains Joseph Ames and Jas Talbot.	149–151
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	A ship has arrived with masts and 400 barrels of tar; there is great need of them for the stores; desires an order.	152
„ 26	Thos. White, *Dover* -	„	Arrival and departure of ships. A private man-of-war has brought in a prize with 20 lasts of tar	153
„ 27	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends the number of men entered on board the Triumph and 5 other ships named, with an account of their movements. The Andrew wants a commander. As many men will be discharged from the yard in a day or two, desires order may be given for payment of their wages.	154
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Bristol and Portland have come in for repairs, being damaged by extremity of weather. The Elias is at Falmouth, with the money on board for Scilly. Will send the Sampson to the Generals under the convoy, as also the prize with currants and the two with wine ordered for London.	155
„ „	Robt. Blackborne -	Navy Com^rs	The Admiralty Committee desire Mr. Light may be entered as steward of the Plymouth, in preference to John North, of whom they will dispose the first opportunity.	156
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To make a bill to Geo. Smith, merchant, for 977*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, taken up of Chas. Longland for the fleet in the Straits.	157
„ „	„ -	„	To make a bill for the bailiffs of Southwold for 1,819*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* disbursed for sick and wounded, abating 1,050*l.* received.	158
„ 28	„ -	Masters of Watermen's Hall.	To cause 50 watermen best acquainted with sea affairs to be impressed and sent to Deptford, to rig and fit the Bridgwater, on the usual pay, the clerk of the check noting their appearance and attendance.	159
„ „	Gens. Monck and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stokes Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Send up Lieut. Nath. Rockwell or Rockwood of the Kentish frigate to receive their commands -	160

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1653.				Vol. 62.
Dec. 28	Robert Orchard, *Blackwall.*	Navy Com[rs]	To inform the master of the Corintone [Centurion ?] how his men are to be paid, as she is now out of the dock. Unless they are entered upon her, and have victuals and wages, they will not stay; if they go, does not know where to get others.	161
„ 29	Rich. Wickes, *Falcon, Stokes Bay.*	„	Sends a muster book, and will observe Mr. Poynter, check of the Swiftsure's, directions as to endorsing the tickets of men discharged. Many are sick.	162
„ „	Capt. John Taylor -	„	The Plymouth, which was launched last Monday, has been laid ashore on uncertain ground by some one's directions; as it will do her great injury, has sent and been himself to prevent it. If she gets to Deptford without hurt, it is more than is expected. She wants ballast, and some one to take care of her.	163
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To make out a bill for 75*l.* for Rob. Blackborne, secretary, 25*l.* for Rich. Creed, clerk, 15*l.* each for 2 messengers, and 13*l.* for an extra clerk of the Admiralty Committee.	164
„ „	„ „ -	„	Like order for 16*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to John Powell, messenger, for disbursements - - - -	165
„ „	Wm. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	„	Secured 63 bundles of hemp in possession of Edw. Clerk, Geo. Errington, and Mr. Gray, and will ship it for Yarmouth, as he did the last.	166
„ „	Col. Nath. Rich -	Gen. Blake.	Recommends John Major for a master's place in the Hare pink or one of the new frigates, his certificates being with Mr. Blackborne.	167
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Desire order for appointing a commander and men for the Andrew, Capt. Pett, clerk of the check at Chatham, having reported that she is ready to sail.	168
„ „	Gens. Monk and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stokes Bay.*	Navy Com[rs]	Desire order for payment of the wages due to Capt. Jas. Cadman, of the Pearl, he having been tried by a court-martial in relation to the death of one of his company, and suspended for 12 months.	169
„ 30	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure.*	Robt. Blackborne	The wind having changed, the Generals have sailed with the main body of the fleet, and intend plying between the Isle of Wight and Cape Barfleur, so as to intercept any ships coming from Holland.	170
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Details of ships. Asks for an order to purchase timber in Cobham Park which he has viewed with Mr. Maplesden for the frigates building at Woolwich at 50*s.* per load.	171
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	The frigate alluded to by Capt. Taylor went on shore herself, being short of capstan bars and tiller when launched at Wapping; and the tides and storm caused delay in getting her afloat. If she takes any hurt, they must lay it at Capt. Taylor's door, and his complaint of want of ballast is causeless. Asks an order to the Trinity House to direct 6 or more masters and pilots to attend to-morrow, to advise concerning her.	172
„ 31	Geo. Daking, *Paragon, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Sends the names of 8 men who were pressed at Sandwich, 9 at Ramsgate, and 5 at Margate, and received conduct money, but have never appeared, that such gross abuses may not be passed without punishment. There were several men pressed at Faversham and Milton, who have served him in the like manner. Thinks Comr. Pett has taken order for that. Intends sailing next week.	173

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1653.				
Dec. 31	Thos. Rickman of *Stepney.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment as master in one of the State's ships. With certificate by Capt. R. Badiley and 4 others.	Vol. 62. 174, 175
„ „	Major N. Bourne -	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Rickman, having served in the William and the Aleppo merchant - - -	176
Dec. ?	John Battelle and 5 others of *Dunwich.*	NavyComrs	The certificate we sent about widow Gebings was true, and we beg you to pay the money to Wm. Robson.	177
„	Peter Tuke, steward of the *Violet.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of clerk of the check in one of the frigates building at Redriffe. With certificates of Capts. Hen. Southwood, Nath. Whetham, &c. in his favour.	178–180
„	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Ledger of bills paid by order of the Navy Commissioners and of other disbursements in fitting out ships between May and Dec. 1653.	181
„	——	—	Book of accounts of disbursements for clothes to sick and wounded men at Weymouth. Many receipted.	182
„	John Lee, Mayor of *Canterbury.*	—	Account of Israel Jacob, apothecary, for medicine, &c. supplied for Dutch prisoners; with certificate of the demand of Dr. Wm. Jacob of 12*l.* for visiting them.	183–185
„	Com. Peter Pett -	Adm. Com.	Propositions for building a 2nd rate frigate at Woolwich; desires order for felling 1,000 trees in Windsor and Waltham forests.	186
„	Rich. Hooker, steward of the *Weymouth.*	„	Petition for release on his own bond to appear, having been long kept on the guard at Whitehall, and being unable to get security.	187
„	Isaac Holmes -	Col. Clarke, Adm.Comr.	Asks help for employment. Accepted that of master's mate in the Entrance at Chatham, but having to come to London for his clothes, and being detained by illness, another was put in his place.	188
	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	Adm. Com.	Request payment of 8*l.* 1*s.* to Wm. Hagarth, surgeon, for 175 days' service with the sick and wounded at Ipswich, from 10 June to 2 Dec.	189
1653.	Navy Comrs. or Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	„	Recommendations by the Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Committee, of the widows or relatives of persons who have lost their lives in the engagements with the Dutch, for further grants, the Navy Commissioners having already granted them 10*l.* or less. Those for the month of December are from the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded at Little Britain, to whom, on the repeated request of the Navy Commissioners, this part of their duty was transferred. 5 July to 20 Dec. 1653. 13 papers.	Vol. 63. 1–138

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1653 ?	Rob. Bagnall and Wm. Bird.	Adm. Com.	For removal of an obstruction raised by Major Wade, on pretence of an order from that Committee to their selling the woods of Whitemead Park, forest of Dean, bought by Mich. Lee of the Worcester House Trustees in 1651 for 795*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*, and let to them for 22*l.* 5*s.* rent.	1
„	Edw. Baily -	„	For the command of the Lizard. Lost his own ship and his part in 3 others, in the service, and was last of all master in the Lizard, from which Capt. Barker is preferred.	2
„	Roger Baker -	„	For a purser's place. Has served 4 years, and was check of the Swiftsure, but hears that checks are no longer to be employed.	3
„	Wm. Baker of the *Susan of London.*	„	For a speedy order for payment of his freight, having served in a voyage to Mardike, but cannot get a penny. Noted that Mr. Blackborne has the order.	4
„	Simon Banister, late master carpenter of the *Nonsuch.*	„	For restoration to his place. Lost his clothes and tools when the ship was taken by the enemy, and was 30 days in prison, but hears it is now retaken.	5
„	Wm. Barker -	„	For the command of the Prosperous hired merchant ship, in which his father, Capt. John Barker, was slain in the fight off Portland, and he so wounded that he could not then take the ship, which was given to his brother-in-law, John Sherwin, now dead. Most of his property, and that of his father's widow, is in the ship.	6
„	Nich. Barnes -	„	For renewal of his warrant to be clerk of the check on the Paradox, which is to be fitted for the winter guard, having long served as purser and check.	7
„	Thos. Batten, mariner	„	For employment to keep his wife and 3 children from perishing. Had his arm shot in the Worcester frigate, and has had it broken since, and cannot serve the place of master.	8
„	Edw. Bigg, merchant of *London.*	Council	For a protection for 25 men on board his ship Alapine, to go to the Straits with the Prosperous, which has got a protection. It has been hindered 4 months by continual pressing of the men.	9
„	John Bird -	Adm. Com.	To be master bricklayer in Woolwich dockyard and ropeyard, Jas. Mathews, under whom he has served 9 years, being willing thereto ; recommended by Sir Art. Hesilrigg.	10
„	Rob. Blundell -	„	For relief. Was wounded in the Hampshire in the second engagement against the Dutch, is blind and maimed, and lives 180 miles from London.	11
„	Wm. Bolt - -	„	For employment. Was lieutenant of the Discovery, but it is now made a victualler, and has served by sea and land, from the beginning of the wars. With certificates by Capts. Thos. Wilkes and Thos. Marryott.	12–14
„	Wm. Bowe, late carpenter of the *Sussex*, under Capt. Cuttance.	„	For relief or employment. Served on land in many fights, and was at the relieving of Taunton, and has served against the Dutch, but lost his servant and tools in the frigate near Portsmouth, whereby he and his family will be ruined.	15

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1653 ?	Jas. Browne, Thos. Woodell, and Rich. Bristow, *London* shipmasters.	—	For a convoy, being freighted by English shipmasters for Leith with perishable commodities, which will not permit delay.	Vol. 64. 16
„	John Browne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	For reimbursement of 40*l.*, advanced for picking oakum and hiring labourers spent a year ago, and the bills passed but not paid, and for imprest for the future.	17
„	Barbara, wife of Thos. Burgess, gunner of the *Essex.*	„	For payment of her husband's wages, having now brought certificates of Capt. Felsted and others that she is his undoubted wife.	18
„	John Burton, purser the *Rosebush.*	Col. Thomson.	To be purser in the Kinsale, his ship not being employed. Has waited 2 years, being sick, and obliged to accept a steward's place in the Nonsuch, but hears that it is disposed of. With certificate by Thos. Malory, minister, Thos. Scott, and 4 others.	19, 20
„	Peter Carter, cook of *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	For a place on the Resolution or Sovereign; was cook in the Expedition, but putting in a deputy whilst he went with Sir Geo. Ayscue to the Barbadoes, the captain has got another put in during his absence.	21
„	Hen. Chamberlayne, late sergeant in the Lord General's regiment.	„	For his full pay. Served at sea from 3 Feb. to 4 April 1653, and being disabled in the last engagement with the Hollanders, was discharged, and the Navy Commissioners will only allow him 18*s.* a month.	22
„	Thos. Churchman -	„	For a steward's place at sea. Has had no satisfaction for 400*l.* loss for houses near a bridge in Leicester, fired by order of the Parliament governor for its safety, when it was taken by the late King's army, and cannot continue his trade.	23
„	Ant. Clopton -	Navy Com^rs^	For help to maintain him in his place, appointed by the Council of State, as purser of the Tulip, Phil. Richards, boatswain's mate, a great malignant, abusing and disturbing him therein, and there being no head officer on board.	24
„	John Cole, of the *John of London.*	Navy Com.	For a protection from impress for his 30 seamen ; is bound for the Barbadoes with passengers and horses, and his men being pressed, his provisions perish and the passengers run away.	25
„	John Coledick and 8 masters of merchant vessels in or near *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	For convoy. Have lain 5 weeks at their own charge, to their injury, and that of the merchants who cannot get their goods to market, yet dare not sail without convoy on account of the enemy.	26
„	Lucy, widow of — Collier, quartermaster of the *Assurance.*	„	For a pension, her husband having lost his life in the service, and left her with young children who have not bread to eat. Noted: "Nothing can be done."	27

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1653 ?	John Colliers -	Navy Com^{rs}	For allowance for his clothes lost when the Garland was taken, since which he has suffered much by imprisonment, and had a tedious journey from Holland. Was pressed into the service and was first on the Fairfax.	28
„	John Corbet, master of the *Hannah of London.*	Adm. Com.	For protection for his 10 men from impress on a voyage to Oporto, being very poor, having a sick wife and large family, and having lost much.	29
„	Wm. Coxon, mariner.	„	For command of a ship. Was one of the chief in reducing the Marmaduke from Prince Rupert, and brought her to Plymouth; was in the 4 Sisters in the last engagement with the Dutch, but that ship is cleared out of service.	30
„	Benj. Cranly and Art. Nevill.	„	For a pass for the Giant of London to Guinea and the Barbadoes. With note that it cannot be granted.	31
„	Wm. Danbie and 4 other shipmasters of *Hull, Yarmouth,* and *Boston.*	„	For a convoy for their ships lying laden at Gravesend. Are forbidden to stir without, by reason of the richness of their ladings, and the great hazard of men-of-war.	32
„	Mary Freeman, Eliz. Wright, Jane Turner, Mary Hearne, and Marg. Dickson.	„	For an order to the Commissioners in Little Britain to pay the moneys long since ordered them, having lost their husbands in service against the Dutch, but for which they wait day by day in vain.	33
„	Officers and mariners of the *Greyhound.*	Major Burton.	That Geo. Davies, their master, who has been in 5 engagements with the Dutch, and been master of 3 State's ships, may be their captain, as Edm. Thomson is, to their great regret, ordered to go in some other ship to Ireland.	34
„	Edw. Griffith -	Navy Com^{rs}	To receive the wages of his only brother who is dead. With certificate by Hen. Land and 2 others that Rob. Griffith served as clerk of the check of the 7 Brothers, from 17 March to 8 Oct. 1653, and died when at home about his accounts.	35, 35*a*
„	Hen. Hacock -	Sir Hen. Vane.	To be boatswain of the Paradox, being disappointed of a place on the Lily, and having a wife and many children.	36
„	John Hall - -	Adm. Com.	For payment of his charges in cure of wounds in thigh and arm in the engagement of 29 July 1653. As they could not cure him in Bartholomew's Hospital, had to sell what he had to obtain a cure, and lost clothes, &c. value 5*l.*	37
„	Roger Hall, mariner	„	For an order for his wages as master of the 38th shallop in Scotland from 3 March 1651 to 9 May 1652. Having been in the service since, could not apply before.	38
„	Thos. Hall, late boatswain of the *Kentish.*	„	For employment in the present expedition. Was displaced on information, from which being cleared, he was ordered to be midshipman on the Centurion under Capt. Wood, but she is gone to sea, and he cannot come to her.	39

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1653 ?	John Hamond, of the *Friendship of Ipswich.*	Adm. Com.	For discharge of Sam. Buckham, his gunner, impressed by Capt. Cutting of the Lamport, his protection notwithstanding.	40
„	John Herbert, cook	Gen. Blake.	For a place in the Windsor, or any of the new frigates, with John French, who has served in the 2 last engagements as his mate.	41
„	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To be cook in the Plymouth. Served on the Falcon under Capt. Barth. Yate, from 12 March to 29 Dec. 1652.	42
„	Thos. Harrison, late purser of the *Kentish.*	„	For allowance of 40*l.* spent in victualling prisoners taken in the engagement with the Fleming, and for his wages.	43
„	Wm. Harvy -	„	For payment of his prize money, having served as master's mate and lieutenant in the Loyalty, in the 3 last engagements with the Dutch.	44
„	20 boatmasters and fishermen of *Hastings.*	„	For a convoy for their protection, as their mackerel season is now approaching - - -	45
„	Sam. Hawks, mariner, *Wapping.*	„	For command of a frigate. Left his own ship to serve in the Exchange, lost his arm in the last engagement, and has since commanded the Westergate. Has a wife and 6 small children. With certificate by Thos. Taylor and 37 others, 17 June 1653.	46, 47
„	Thos. Hayes of the *Henry of London,* and Thos. Coates of the *Talent of Hull.*	„	For a convoy for their ships richly laden with State's goods for Leith - - - -	48
„	Rob. Haytub, lieutenant of the *Speaker.*	„	For the command of a ship. Served on land many years, and in 1648 in reducing the revolted fleet. Has since been lieutenant in several ships, but the pay does not suffice to subsist his family.	49
„	Jane, widow of Wm. Henley, gunner's mate of the *Waterhound.*	„	For further allowance beyond 10*l.* Her husband was wounded in the engagement with the Dutch, lay a fortnight ill at Dover, where she went to him, and died, leaving her so much in debt that she cannot go out of doors for fear of arrest.	50
„	Company of the *Henry Bonadventure,* and their wives, widows and children, 140 persons.	„	For speedy payment of their wages, being unable longer to subsist, their ship being betrayed at Trapani by the Spaniard to the Dutch, 25 June 1653.	51

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1633 ?	Joice Hilliard -	Adm. Com.	For protection for Jas. Hilliard, her eldest son, aged 15, from impress. Sent him apprentice to a ship master trading to Virginia, but he was pressed by Capt. Cuttance, released as only understanding writing and accounts, but again impressed into the Gillyflower.	52
,,	Rich. Hincksman, Sam. Micoe, and Gilb. Keete, merchants of *London*.	,,	For a protection from impress for 16 officers and 2 cabin boys, named, for the Virgin Queen bound for Genoa, but long detained because the press has several times taken away her men.	53
,,	Thos. Hodgkins, smith.	,,	For an order for payment of 4,300*l.* for ironwork delivered into the Ordnance office for last summer's fleet and winter's guard, having now to make a large proportion of shot and ironwork for the fleet.	54
,,	,, ,, -	,,	For an order for payment of 900*l.* for work done for the State ; has had to hire the doing of part, and some of it has had to be re-worked.	55
,,	Capt. Geo. Holcroft	,,	For command of one of the 4 prize vessels appointed to bring in masts. Has commanded several State vessels, and was master of the John and Abigail, disabled in the engagement against the Dutch.	56
,,	John Hole - -	,,	To be clerk of the check on the Swiftsure for this expedition, having a certificate by Major Saunders, M.P. Wm. Sheldon, clerk of the check at Woolwich, says the place is void.	57
,,	John Holmes, master of the *Elizabeth of London hoy*.	,,	For an order to the Ordnance officers to pay him 50*l.* freight, due for carrying shot and gunners' stores to Portsmouth for the fleet, but stayed because his servant embezzled some shot at the lading at Tower wharf, and sold it to Mr. Whittall, ship chandler at the iron gate. With depositions that the shot, value 32*l.*, was sold for 30*s.* to Whittall's wife.	58–61
,,	Edw. Homewood -	,,	Not to be supplanted as clerk of the survey at Deptford, where he has served 4 years under Mr. Holland, but hears they have asked the Navy Commissioners' opinion about another.	62
,,	John Hooker - -	,,	For the keeping of the small gun office in the Tower, the reversion of which, after Jas. Paulfreyman, now dead, was granted him by the late King 4 March 1626, and for which he is fitted by education in the Ordnance office under his father, to whom the King owed 4,300*l.*, chiefly for disbursements.	63
,,	Wm. Hopkins, carpenter of the *Recovery*.	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	For removal into a new frigate as promised, being recommended by Gen. Blake and Capt. Taylor.	64
,,	Simon Horne, seaman	Adm. Com.	For allowance. Cannot earn his livelihood, being shot in the right shoulder in the fight with the Dutch off Portland ; served in all the former engagements against them.	65
,,	Rich. Hubbart, for the owners of 2 colliers.	,,	For dismissal from command of Capt. Reeder of the Eagle ketch, 8 guns, who on Thursday the 10th instant, allowed their colliers, value 800*l.* and 300*l.*, to be taken by a Holland man-of-war of 4 guns, and would not pursue because they were but colliers.	66
,,	Wm. Hudson - -	,,	For release of his kinsman John Wise, a country lad, who coming to town, was forced on board a vessel bound for the Barbadoes, to his ruin and the heart-breaking of his parents.	67

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1653 ?	2 shipmasters bound for *Hull*, 1 for *Inverness*, and 8 for *Leith*.	Adm. Com.	For convoy. Are richly laden with merchants' goods, have long been ready, have sailed to the Hope as ordered, but having lost much already, dare not sail without convoy.	68
„	4 shipmasters bound for *Hull* and 7 for *Leith*.	„	To like effect. Are in the Thames and ready to sail - - - - - -	69
„	3 shipmasters bound for *Hull*.	„	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	70
„	3 shipmasters bound for *Hull* and 2 for *Yarmouth*.	„	To like effect. The sea is infested with the enemy's men-of-war - - - - -	71
„	3 shipmasters of *Hull*, 1 of *Boston*, 4 of *Lynn*, and 2 of *Yarmouth*.	„	For the Nonsuch or some other frigate to convoy them to the northern ports, their ladings being rich, and the fairs and markets soon coming on.	72
„	10 shipmasters of *Hull*.	Sir Hen. Vane.	To procure them a convoy, having petitioned the Council of State 2 months ago - -	73
„	Capt. John Humfrey, master of the *Pulborow Merchant*, *Thames*.	Adm. Com.	For a convoy to Exeter. Has groceries, &c., value 5,000*l.*, and the seas are dangerous by reason of robbers.	74
„	Rob. Humfrey of the *Bonadventure*.	„	For allowance for his clothes, &c., lost in a fireship in Leghorn Road. Capt. Badiley promised the men 10*l.* a piece if they would do execution, which they would have done on Van Gall, the general, had their ship not been sunk ; with certificate by Capt. Elias Waltham.	75, 75*a*
„	Thomas, father of Oliver Hunter, waterman.	„	For discharge of his only son, his only support, from the charge of the guard under the banquetting house, Whitehall. He was pressed into the service on the Victory, and the master allowed him to return on account of his parents' condition, but in so doing, he was seized and committed to custody.	76
„	Thos. Huson of *Hull*	„	For a pension. Had his right arm shot off in the June engagement ; has wife and 3 children and no means. Came to Chatham, and the Chest Commissioners there say they have no money.	77
„	Jas Hynde, gunner -	„	To be gunner of the Providence now at Deptford ; served faithfully in the Cat pink. With certificate by Rich. Cowes.	78, 78*a*,
„	Sergeant Taylor and others of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	„	For pay, the owners of the Prosperous, on which they served 8 or 9 weeks, only giving them 4*s.* 6*d.* each. Were in the fight on 18 Feb., and most of them wounded and carried prisoners to Holland. With note of order for 30*l.*	79
„	John Jackson, late purser of the *Greyhound*.	C.O.S.	For the labourer's place in the Tower void by death of his brother. Lent him money not repaid to buy it, and he only held it ½ a year. Served 20 years, and lost a son when the Greyhound was lost.	80

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1653 ?	Wm. Jeffes - -	Adm. Com.	To be surgeon to a ship. Was surgeon to the Cat pink, and lost all he had, value 30*l.*, last April, when she was taken, but is told he cannot have anything for his loss.	81
"	Alice, widow of Rich. Jellybrown.	Ely House Com.	For continuance of the full pension of 3*s.* a week granted her because her husband lost his life in the taking of Tredagh, Ireland, but ½ of it is stopped on a false report that one of her 2 small children is dead.	82
"	Officers and seamen of the *Leopard.*	Adm. Com.	For allowance for their clothes, books, instruments, &c., lost when the ship was taken in the Straits' expedition, and for their journey home.	83
"	John Lord and 10 others of the *Prosperous.*	Navy Com[rs]	For means to return to the service. Served under Capt. Barker, but were taken in the last engagement, carried into Holland, robbed of all they had, and forced to travel hither naked and in misery.	84
"	Hen. Lowe, master of the *Lydia of London.*	Adm. Com.	For a convoy. Is in the Thames laden with rich merchants' goods for Bordeaux, but dares not sail because of the frequent piracies by enemies at sea.	85
"	Jane Man - -	"	For discharge of her only son, who is young, and being sickly, was sent to Malaga for change of air, but is pressed into the Yarmouth, which will cause his death and hers too, and ruin her small daughters. Has 2 servants in the service. With certificate by Hen. Johnson and 2 others.	86
"	Merchant Adventurers of England.	"	For a convoy for the Samuel, laden with woollen manufactures, to Hamburg, to stay 14 days, and return to the Thames, and for protection for her 40 mariners from impress.	87
"	Ant. Peniston -	"	For release of his only apprentice, Peter Feaver, who was pressed to go to Chatham, though not versed in maritime affairs.	88
"	Step. Phillipps and 6 other tidesmen.	Com. for Navy and Customs.	For restoration to their places. Discharged their duties at 16*d.* a day, hoping for a salary; have not transgressed any Act of Parliament, and know not why they are excluded.	89
"	Jas. Poole - -	Ordnance Com.	For a labourer's place in the Tower. Served 4 years as a trumpeter in Col. Thomson's regiment, and returning could not set up his trade, which was a baker, because he could not get his arrears, so became a porter.	90
"	Capt. Wm. Raymar	Adm. Com.	For protection from impress for 14 mariners for his vessel, bound to Barbadoes - - -	91
"	Sam. Rainsford -	"	To be clerk of the check in a ship. Served in England and Scotland by land and by sea in last summer's employment.	92
"	Wm. Randsly for Simon Randsly, master of the *Seaventure of Lynn.*	"	For discharge of Simon, pressed into the Victory, contrary to the Act, on coming to London, although he had his master's certificate, so that without a master, the goods on his ship are in danger of being spoiled for want of delivery. Noted to be released.	93
"	Anne, widow of Wm. Ranse, commander of the *Portland.*	"	For the prize money due to her husband, several prizes being taken while he had the frigate from March to Aug. 1653.	94

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1653 ?	33 officers and seamen of the *Raven*.	Adm. Com.	To order payment of their dearly-earned wages. On 11 April, fought with 6 Hollanders, the master, boatswain, and 20 men were killed, and they taken prisoners, and turned ashore at Shotland, whence they had had to beg their way home.	95
„	Crew of the *Relief merchantman*.	„	For stay in the hands of the Navy Treasurer of 200*l.* as security for their wages, Mr. Wich, the owner, having paid them part, got their receipt in full, but left them 2 months and 18 days unpaid.	96
„	Rich. Robinson -	„	For relief. Was wounded on the Stork in the last engagement with the Dutch, and lost all his clothes on the White Raven.	97
„	Roger Robinson -	„	For recompense. Being boatswain on the Phœnix in the Straits, was taken prisoner by the Dutch, 28 Aug. 1652, and kept till 4 March following. Has lost 12 months' time and 2 servants, and 50*l.* in clothes and money.	98
„	Wm. Rogers and 8 other soldiers of Capt. Davis' company in Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	C.O.S.	For an order for payment of their tickets. Are old standing soldiers of the State. Were sent on board the Pearl last February, and were in both the great engagements with the Dutch, but are now discharged and out of pay.	99
„	Thos. Rolfe, late check of the *Providence*.	Adm. Com.	For a place as clerk of the check or steward. Has served since the beginning of the troubles with the Hollanders, but is now out of employ.	100
„	„ -	„	For restoration to his former place or for some other; has behaved well, and has been waiting many months for employment.	101
„	Widow of — Rookes, commander of the *Elizabeth*.	Cromwell ?	For allowance for her fatherless children, her husband being in all the wars and in the late engagement with the Dutch in the Straits. [*Damaged.*]	102
„	Jas Rosier - -	Adm. Com.	For a purser's place. Has behaved well in several engagements with the Dutch, and has been clerk of the check. With list of 5 ships vacant.	103, 104
„	„ -	„	To like effect. Was clerk of the check in the Merchant Adventure, which has left the service -	105
„	Hen. Rosse of the *Trial of Boston*.	„	For protection for 6 or 8 men to carry his ship with goods, value 10,000*l.*, to Boston, in time for the fair; it has been laden 3 weeks, but had to return to Gravesend, because all the men were taken out for the State's service.	106
„	Jacob Rouse, master of the *Fortune*.	„	For an order for his prize money, having been in the engagements off Portland and the Ness -	107
„	Peter Rowly -	„	To be boatswain of the President, whose boatswain is lately slain - - - - -	108
„	Eight mariners of the Ruby.	„	For payment of their wages, suspended, they know not why, when the ship was lately paid off at Portsmouth.	109
„	Jarvis Russell, boatswain of the *Katherine*.	„	For protection from impress of 25 seamen and 15 landmen bound for the East Indies in his ship, which is to return with a lading of saltpetre, &c.	110

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1653?	John, son of the late John Taylor, captain of the *William.*	Adm. Com.	For preferment. Was trained up in the service under his father, and has been in the Little Charity, under Capts. Whitehorne, Jeffries, Harris, and Haytub, and served with credit.	111
„	Samuel, son of the late Capt. Taylor of the *William.*	„	To be clerk of the check on the Providence, or some other ship. Was trained at sea by his father, but since his death has been destitute of employment.	112
„	Rob. Taylor, mariner	C.O.S.	For command of one of the new frigates. Has served 12 years as master's mate in the Straits, East Indies, and New England. With certificate by Maurice Thomson and Sam. Moyer.	113, 113*a*
„	John Tanner of the *Victory of London.*	Adm. Com.	For protection from impress of 40 seamen. Has been some time at Gravesend, ready to sail for the Barbadoes, and has 100 passengers, but his seamen are pressed as soon as on board. Note that protection is granted for 30.	114
„	Chris. Thekeston steward of the *Success.*	„	To continue in his place or have another. Served faithfully since the beginning of the war with Holland, but hears that another is put in his place, though he is not discharged.	115
„	„ -	„	To like effect. Was superseded whilst passing his accounts for provisions. With certificate by Capt. Wm. Kendall.	116, 117
„	Edm. Thompson of the *Diligence of Yarmouth,* collier.	C.O.S.	For protection for 8 men and a boy to carry his ship home. It has lain 4 months at great expense. He lay sick 3 months at Yarmouth, and coming to London as passenger, was taken prisoner by a Holland man-of-war, and lamentably hurt.	118
„	Rich. Thomson of the *Truelove,* oyster vessel.	Adm. Com.	For leave to pass in and out of the river, being stayed by the embargo, to his great prejudice -	119
„	Chas. Thorowgood -	„	For employment on sea or land. Served from the death of the late King till after the first engagement with the Dutch, but was soon after suspended, and knows not why.	120
„	John Tymbrell -	„	For payment of 2,000*l.* for ironwork served into Portsmouth, the last 5 months. The Navy Treasurer says he has no money. Cannot carry on the work without it, and the service must suffer.	121
„	Wm. Tomlyn, mariner.	„	For a master's place. Has been faithful to Parliament through the troubles, and been master's mate and pilot. Was last in the Recovery.	122
„	Ambrose Tooth -	„	For payment for attendance in making fires and cleaning the [Committee's] rooms for 12 months. Has been faithful through all the troubles, and has a large family.	123
„	John Towse, steward of the *Worcester.*	„	For re-entry of his mate, who was ducked and dismissed by his lieutenant on an old grudge, and without any order from Commissioner Bourne, during his absence at Harwich and Ipswich, about the victualling of his frigate.	124

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1653?	Joan, wife of Hibert Treadaway.	Adm. Com.	For release of her husband, who has served 5 years, been in engagements with the Dutch, but was sent sick from the Assurance to Plymouth Hospital, and after 6 weeks pressed into the Gift, now in the Hope, though unfit to serve.	Vol. 64. 125
,,	John Troughton -	,,	To be steward or clerk of the check. Has served since the beginning of the war with Holland on the Chase, which is now discharged. With certificates by Wm. Pyle and 3 others, and by Miles Pettie and 4 others of Sepulchre's, London.	126–128
,,	Jasper Van Hulst -	Com. of Navy and Customs.	For release of 12 pieces of sayes, sent by water from Colchester to London, but stayed by the officers of the port of London, because the shipmaster in ignorance neglected to take out his discharge.	129
,,	Navy Victuallers -	Navy Com.	For leave to land without molestation 29 hds. of cider, provided at Plymouth for the navy, sent thence by a man-of-war into the Downs, and thence by a hoy, but without a coast cocquet, though the excise warrant was sent, and no fraud intended.	130
,,	John Wager -	Adm. Com.	For command of a ship. Was boatswain of the Tiger's Whelp and Tiger, and lieutenant of the Arms of Holland, now laid up; has always been honest and valiant, and was wounded in the late engagement.	131
,,	Thos. Wallis, late steward of the *Langport*.	,,	For a purser's place. Has served 8 years, and last in the Straits, where he spent much to supply the ship. When he was passing his accounts at Portsmouth, the clerk of the check got the purser's place.	132
,,	Fras. Walsall, late steward of the *Rainbow*.	,,	To be purser there. Has served 7 years, been in several engagements with the Dutch, and has good certificates from Commissioner Pett and others.	133
,,	,, ,, -	,,	To like effect. Is dismissed as steward on the re-establishment of pursers - - -	134
,,	Wm. Watts, late of the *Hopewell of London*.	,,	To command one of the State's ships in the present expedition. Was trained in naval affairs, has lost by the enemy, and had his ship and goods lately taken by the Holland fleet now at sea.	135
,,	Edw. Wood, merchant of *London*.	,,	For payment of 2 bills of 23*l.* 10*s.* and 6*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* for goods delivered at Deptford and Woolwich in 1643. The Navy Commissioners will not pay them without order. With the 2 bills.	136, 1_37
,,	Thos. Woodall, Jas. Browne, and John Sommers, shipmasters.	,,	For an order that when the Adventure has, as ordered, convoyed ships to Hull, she may continue the convoy and take them to Leith, being freighted with goods of value of Gen. Monk's.	138
,,	Wm. Yeames, master of the *Providence of London*.	,,	That the Surling frigate, which convoyed her from Morlaix to Plymouth, may be ordered to convoy her to London, the lading being of great value.	139
,,	Katherine, widow of Isaac Young, quartermaster of the *Tiger*.	,,	For compensation for the loss of her husband, slain in the fight with the Flemings, July 1652. Has only had 5*l.* ordered by the Council of State, Nov. 1652, and has a little child and an aged mother to maintain.	140

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1653 ?	John Cardis, gunner of the *Marigold.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks an order to the clerk of the check to enter his servant on board - - - -	141
„	Thos. Webb, late steward of the *Little President.*	„	Asks an order to the victualler to satisfy the crew their arrears, either in victuals or money; the clerk of the check at Woolwich refused it, the men not being aboard.	142
„	Joseph Hunt, *Portsmouth frigate.*	„	Asks an order for payment of his wages as steward - - - - - -	143
„	Jas. Bamford -	„	Asks payment of money due to him for service, being much weakened by a hurt received in the last engagement with the Hollanders.	144
„	Fras. Cranwill -	Adm. Com.	Asks command of one of the small vessels at Deptford or elsewhere - - - -	145
„	Hum. Felsteed -	„	Having passed his accounts for the stores he carried to the fleet and the victualling of the Marigold, waits to know whether they think him worthy of further employment.	146
„	Sam. Gore - -	Major Salway.	Begs aid to obtain the command of a small frigate, and to be cleared from the Kentish frigate, having prosecuted articles against the captain.	147
„	Nath. Cobham -	Major Elton, Governor of *Hull.*	Thanks for letters sent by a diligent messenger. Has sent the rest to Capt. Forster - -	148
„	Jane Hammond, widow.	Robt. Blackborne.	For reference to the Commissioners in Little Britain, for relief for herself and children, being referred to the Admiralty Committee by the Council of State.	149
„	Margaret, widow of Jno. Hart, midshipman of the *Worcester.*	Adm. Com.	For an answer to the Navy Commissioners' letter, living far from town, and having 3 children -	150
„	Jonas Shish -	„	Has viewed the damage on the John and James, and estimates the repairs at 2*l.* 17*s.* Noted, bill passed.	151
„	Capt. John Mildmay	Adm. Com. and Generals of the fleet.	Requests that John London, late gunner of the Vanguard, may be called to account for falsehood, treachery, and scurrilous language.	152
„	Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will try to persuade the men written for to enter the State's service on their return from Newcastle. Is sending up some honest men.	153
„	Isaiah Blowfield -	Sir Hen. Vane.	Wants an order for setting out the Lily frigate. Has an order for her victualling from the Council of State.	154
„	Lio. Lane - -	Mr. Blackborne.	Asks what ship is appointed for Fras. Parke, master of the Victory - - - -	155

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1653 ?	Rich. Shute -	Thos. Smith, Navy Comr.	Begs that the Welcome frigate, lately surveyed, may be taken into the State's service, ¼ of it belonging to his son Hallet.	156
„	Capt. Peter Motham	Navy Comrs	Mr. Comely, master of the Bear, is come aboard. Mr. Jackson, sent to supply his place, is fit for lieutenant.	157
„	Chris. Themylthorpe	Major Rob. Thompson.	Begs that Mr. Beckford, who has seized his bill for receipt of a small sum from the Treasurer, for present necessity, may be ordered to restore it. Has long waited; prays speedy dispatch.	158
„	Capt. John Taylor -	[Navy Comrs.]	Reports delay in the ship building by Mat. Graves, and defects in Mr. Johnson's third-rate frigate. All port-holes should be ordered to be of a convenient size.	159
„	Prize officers -	Adm.Com.	Send a warrant from the Council of State [of 18 Nov.], ordering them to make no payments till they have paid 15,000*l.* into the Tower.	160
„	Thos. Brooks -	Major Salway.	Begs favour in a business not named - - - - - - - - -	161
„	Adam Veall -	[Navy Comrs.]	Details of the building of a frigate at Blackwall. The mast makers desire protection to keep their men to carry on the work.	162
„	Capt. Fr. Willoughby	[Rob. Blackborne.]	Sends an express from the Generals. Has no news, but longs for confirmation of that from Holland. Sends letters for Mr. Poortman and the General.	163
„	Roger Reed -	Sir Hen. Vane, at the C.O.S.	Details an escape when on board Bennet's ship, from 2 Holland men-of-war, by getting into Aldborough Bay. Will ride to Southwold, Harwich, and thence to London.	164
„	Benj. Gostlin -	Major Rob. Thomson.	Begs dispatch for the bearer, Mr. Bailey of Bristol, who has engaged to build 2 new ships for the State.	165
„	Major John Miller -	Ordnance Com.	Col. Barkstead will wait on them with particulars of the powder and great shot in the garrisons of Nottingham, Chester, Ludlow, &c. under his charge.	166
„	P. Richaut - -	Mr. Blackborne.	Capt. Badiley's business cannot be dispatched unless referred to some other person, General Desborough, who was to make the report, being sick.	167
„	Fr. Petre - -	„	Mr. Whichcott, Gen. Blake's chaplain, wants an advance from the Navy Commissioners of 20*l.* or 30*l.*, for which an order is needed.	168
„	Capt. Edm. Smith -	Adm.Com.	Will repair to Deptford, as ordered - - - - - - - -	169
„	Major Bourne -	„	Dispatch of sundry vessels. The Jersey was damaged in launching, and will not be ready for 14 days. Wants salaries appointing for the officers in that yard [Harwich], as they have been there ¾ year and received nothing.	170

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1653?	Thos. Scott -	[Navy Comrs.]	The 12 shallops for the ships to go with the Swiftsure as admiral are nearly ready. The carpenters of the ships should see them taken to pieces, that they may put them together again. Note of ships at Woolwich, the Hope, and Deptford.	171
„	Maj.-Gen. John Desborough.	Major Thompson, Mr. Willoughby, and the Navy Comrs	Commends his kinsman (not named) as fit for a clerk in the Navy Office - - - -	172
„	Wm. Bridge, *Yarmouth.*	Tower Hill, Major Salway.	Mr. Mackey does not find the vessel as good as he desires. He is honest, faithful, and stout, and deserves a better vessel.	173
„	Art. Paice - -	Navy Comrs	To sign his ticket for payment. Was discharged as sick at Harwich, after serving in the Feb. and June engagements, but this was not specified on his ticket.	174
„	Capt. Edw. Tarleton.	Col. Kelsey, one of the Adm. Com.	For payment of his poor seamen, most of whom are strangers, and are "compelled to take every-"thing at the worst hand." Many of them wait to speak with their honours.	175
„	Alice Townsend -	Major Thompson.	The grant of 7*l.* for loss of her husband, a midshipman on the Adventure, will but prolong her misery and not remedy it, having many debts and 2 children; begs more.	176
„	John Watson -	Navy Comrs	For payment for his hoy for 9 weeks' service in carrying provisions to the Downs and then to the fleet gone westward, or he will be ruined.	177
„	Robt. Wherrell -	Major Thompson.	For the signing of his certificate, that he may go down to the chest at Chatham for a pension, being lame and belonging to Bartholomew's Hospital. Served under him on Alderman Jaynes' horse.	178
„	Maj.-Gen. Harrison, *Kensington.*	Navy Comrs	To employ Jas. Wood, chandler, who fears the Lord, and has served Parliament in the late wars, to supply candles for the Navy.	179
„	Edm. Wormell -	Major Rob. Thompson.	For a purser's place. Had a letter from his brother, Wm. Thomson, and other letters, which he carried to Sir Hen. Vane and others of that Committee, who return him recommended for employment.	180
„	„ -	„ ?	To like effect. Went to the fleet, and has been recommended by Vice-Adm. Penn. Wants a lieutenant's place.	181
„	Rich. Pearins -	Navy Comrs	Informs against John Boathe and Robert and Thos. Easson, for purloining Navy stores in 1636 and 1637, "and for trifling their time" in reading of stories and lying at alehouses.	182–184
„	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	John Walker, labourer of the Tower, father of Fras. Walker, was bruised at the crane 2 years ago, and has been unfit for service ever since.	185

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1653 ?	Chris. Pett and 4 others.	—	Certificate that John Hennings has served as carpenter in several ships ; was in the White Raven in the fight off Portland, and in those of June and July last, and is fit for employment.	186
„	Rob. Lang and 2 others of *Stepney*.	—	Certificate that Nich. Manson is fit to be master cook on a ship, having served 8 years, been in all the engagements with the Dutch, and wounded in the last on board the Lion.	187
„	Edm. Pyke and 6 others, of *Wapping*.	—	Certificate that Hen. Reade of Wapping, who has been impressed, is 70 years old, sick, and unable to serve.	188
„	Capt. Rob. Kirby -	—	Certificate that 6 officers named of the Ruby were faithful and efficient in their duties - -	189
„	Capt. Jas. Reynolds, and Edw. West, surgeon.	Navy Com^rs	Certificate that Simon Sharpe was severely wounded in the Kentish frigate in the Portland engagement, 18 Feb. 1653.	190
„	———	—	Appraised account of guns, ammunition, and arms on 24 Dutch prize ships taken - - -	191
„	———	—	Note of 2 chests of looking glasses and other prize goods in the Naseby - - - -	192
„	———	—	Note of moneys disposed of by the Admiralty Committee to Phineas Pett and others - -	193
„	Edw. Bushell -	—	Demand for the Brazil frigate, 320 tons, 30 guns, and 120 men, of 44*0l.* a month, the State victualling the ship, and he paying the men's wages.	194
„	Rob. Turpin -	—	Inventories of the appurtenances, guns, &c. of the Red Rose of Amsterdam, 600 tons, taken prize by the Tarrinton and Plymouth frigates, and also of her provisions and cargoes.	195, 196
„	———	—	Inventory of 2 Dutch ships, the Emanuel and King David - - - - - -	197
„	———	—	Note of the location of the victualling ships—2 with the fleet, 2 at Harwich, 1 in Lee Road, 1 at Hull, 1 at Yarmouth, and 4 in the river.	198
„	———	—	Account of shot and gunpowder from Windsor, supplied for 9 ships - - - -	199
„	———	—	Account of ordnance supplied for the Griffith, Wm. Cory, gunner - - - -	200
„	[Ordnance officers]	—	List of 9 State's ships and 24 merchant ships which they have not warrants to supply with ammunition.	201
„	———	—	Note of gunners' stores demanded - - - - - - - -	202
„	[Ordnance officers]	—	Account of brass and iron ordnance in store towards furnishing the George and Unicorn - -	203
„	„ „ -	—	Note of brass and iron ordnance for the George, Unicorn, and New frigate, in the stores, and wanting	204
„	„ „ -	—	List of 45 State's ships already fitted from the Ordnance office - - - - -	205
„	———	—	Note of gunners' stores, viz., iron guns and round shot, and cases of tin for guns - - -	206
„	———	—	List of 9 ships which want 720 barrels of powder, beside 600 for General Blake's fleet, whereas the stores have but 300 barrels, 200 of which are returned powder, and of 147 that came from Windsor, 56 barrels are decayed.	207
„	———	—	List of the brass ordnance, decayed gunpowder, arms, &c. in Elizabeth Castle and Old Castle, Jersey, and suggestion of exchange for iron ordnance and good powder now at Weymouth.	208
„	Thos. Wiggins, carpenter of the James.	—	Note of supplies received and expended and remaining - - - - - -	209

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1653 ?	Rob. Franckmore, Chris. Pett, and Jonas Shish.	—	Report of their survey of 4 frigates building in the Thames, by Wm. Graves, Peter Pett, Capt. John Taylor, and John Bright.	210
„	Capt. John Taylor, Chris. Pett, and Jonas Shish.	—	Report of the number and size of the masts wanted from New England - - - -	211
„	Sam. Howe - -	—	Inventory of goods on the St. John de Grace - - - - - - - -	212
„	———	—	Calculations of the prices of biscuit, beef, &c., and of the keep of 393 men for one day at 8*d.* each	213
„	———	—	Estimate of the charge for building 18 flat bottomed punts, total 53*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* - - -	214
„	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	—	Account of cables, anchors, &c. delivered out of the stores, and shipped on board the Providence of Plymouth, for supply of the stores at Plymouth.	215
„	———	—	Particulars of repairs required on the Halfmoon and 4 other ships named - - - -	216
„	Geo. Maplesden -	—	Contract for casks, bags, &c. for 1,000 men's victuals for 6 months, imperfect - - -	217
„	Capt. Walter Wood	—	Account of his receipts and disbursements at Plymouth - - - - - -	218
„	Capt. Elias Jordan, *Cæsar.*	—	Account of expenses incurred in bringing Yarmouth, Carisbrooke, and Hurst Castles to a composition and keeping men there, 25*l.* 16*s.*, with receipt thereof from Sir Wm. Lewes.	219
„	Thomas Thompson, compass maker.	—	Account for supplying a new pendant and jack to Capt. Rob. Thorpe of the Red Hart pink, 1*l.* 1*s.* With note for payment and receipt by Nich. Mason from Anth. Wells.	220
„	Thos. Colpott -	—	List of bills for goods delivered 6 April to 7 Dec., total 756*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*, and request for payment, which was to be in ready money, and he has taken up 500*l.* at interest.	221
„	Navy Comrs. -	—	Blank contract for hire of the ship King Ferdinando, 130 men and 36 guns, 60 belonging to the State.	222
„	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	—	Request for a warrant to John Hopwood, master of the Ellen hoy, to clear his 3 men from being pressed.	223
„	———	Navy Comrs	Statement that Ralph Brown, who complains of nonpayment of his wages, deserted the service, seduced others away, and they entered themselves with the Dutch at Leghorn, and stole some goods from the port hole.	224
„	———	—	Note of a letter sent by John Finney and Mr. — to Mr. Nevill by a Hull ship, on a leaf addressed to Rob. Blackborne.	225
„	———	—	List of 11 officers and others of the White Raven, who are required to attend a council of war, including Rob. Arthur, midshipman, and John Hemings, carpenter.	226
„	———	—	Order for captains and commanders of ships to repair on board and go out to sea, which Mr. Coytmor is to see executed.	227

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1654.				Vol. 78.
Jan. 1	Cornelius Burough, steward, *Little Charity, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has taken care to supply the clerk of the check's place, according to Commissioner Willoughby's order, until another is appointed. Sends the muster book; has delivered a copy with the accounts to the new clerk of the check.	1
„ 2	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson and Peter Foote, *Bryer, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Have put in to procure 80 men, and desire order to Capt. Bunn of the Greyhound to supply 20, he being well manned.	2
„ „	Capt. Robt. Haytubb, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is almost ready to sail for Salt Road, when he will put his press warrant in execution and sail to the fleet. The want of men is general in the ships here, and that disease is epidemical here.	3
„ „	Capt. Geo. Dakinge, *Paragon, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Will ship the remainder of the stores to-day, and sail to the Generals in Ellen's Road. Wants a few men.	4
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Harwich Water.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships in harbour; they require nothing but men, and the want of proper assistance from the local officers in pressing prevents their putting to sea. The ships plying between the Dogger and the Riff have taken some prizes.	5
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Harwich.*	„	To similar effect. Will sail to-morrow, but has been delayed for want of men - - -	6
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Greyhound, Tynemouth Bar.*	„	Having been out 11 months, and being much out of repair and victuals, and the crew exposed to great hardship for want of proper necessaries, intends sailing for Yarmouth for further orders. The coal trade is very dull, there not being 10 ships in the river; the storms have driven the privateers off the coast.	7
„ „	Gens. Monck and Penn, *Swiftsure.*	„	Recommend Jno. Pearce, late lieutenant of the Providence, for employment in one of the new frigates, he having behaved well in several engagements with the Dutch.	8
„ „	Jas. Puckle, for Major Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of hemp and flax received from Newcastle; asks directions as to converting it into cordage. The frigate being built by Mr. Edgar progresses slowly.	9
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Approve Wm. Kiffen and 3 others as security for the money given by Parliament to the children of Capt. Rouse of the Portland.	10
„ 3	Anth. Archer, *Fortune, Hong Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is fitting out with all speed; as his men have been out 15 months, and they and their families are in great want, desires they may either have some money or tickets.	11
„ „	Capt. Jas. Ableson, *Marmaduke, Bridlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with the Newcastle to repair, having lost his masts and sails in the storms. Took a private man-of-war of 6 guns and two dogger boats, one of which was sunk. The Holland traders are laid up in the Sound for want of a convoy.	12

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1654.				Vol. 78.
Jan. 3	Thos. Adames, *Woodbridge.*	Adm. Com.	Is proceeding with the work on the frigate, but is waiting for the masts and cordage. Few men are to be had, most of them having been pressed for the ships at Harwich. If a weekly allowance was made to those in work, it would be a means of procuring more.	13
„ „	Jno. Davies and Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of masts and timber received into the stores from the Church flyboat - - -	14
„ 4	Gens. Blake and Desborow, *Gravesend.*	Col. Kelsey, Navy Comr.	Coming here we find the Amity no further than Greenhithe, and Capt. Pack not on board. We therefore desire Capt. Kirby may be sent down to take the command of the Amity in his place. She might have been appointed to carry over the Lords Deputies for Holland, who arrived here last night, instead of the Paragon, had we known of her being here.	15
„ „	Capt. Saml. Howett, *Speaker, Ellen's Road.*	Robert Blackborne.	Encloses a bill for 8*l.* and desires payment of it at the Treasurer's office, Tower Street. It is sent by Morgan Bensfield to his master, Mr. Cook.	16
„ „	Capt. Hen. Appleton and Robert Davies.	Adm. Com.	Recommend John Tuttell, of the Leopard, for compensation, having been desperately wounded in an engagement with the Dutch at Leghorn, and although he lost all his clothes, &c. and was carried on shore where he lay 3 months, and lost the use of his right arm, he has only received an allowance of 4*l.* per annum from the chest at Chatham.	17
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Recommend Mr. Hayward, clerk of the survey at Chatham, for some addition to his salary of 70*l.* a year, he having had to maintain a clerk during the great pressure of business.	18
„ „	Wm. Somerfield, *Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has seized some powder and shot, in the custody of Mr. Hawkes, a brewer, which he alleged he had from some merchant ships two years since; will make diligent search for more, and give an account when he comes to town.	19
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	To enter Capt. Chas. Thorowgood for the place of master attendant at Portsmouth, void by death of John Mallin.	20
„ 6	Major Jno. Wade, *Gloucester.*	Adm. Com.	Asks money to carry on the work at the furnaces; 50*l.* a week would command 15 tons of shot and 5 of sow iron weekly.	21
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne	Recommends Jno. Rose, late master's mate of the Andrew, and lieutenant of the Exchange, as lieutenant in one of the new frigates. Endorsed "Petition of Thos. Clemens."	22
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Bridlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Cruising as ordered between the Dogger Bank and the Reef, to intercept Dutch merchantmen from the Sound, took a Dutch privateer, and carried her into Scarborough, also some fishing boats, and a flyboat with hops, brandy, wine, &c. from Amsterdam for Copenhagen, and 2 doggers which have been taken into Bridlington Bay. There are 80 sail of Dutch merchants and 5 men-of-war in the Sound, waiting for a convoy. Asks further orders. [2 *copies.*]	23, 24
„ „	——	—	List of 3 Hamburg and 2 London ships, with their lading, consisting of hemp, masts, timber, pitch, &c.	25

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1654. Jan. 6	Gens. Monk and Penn, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Generals of the Fleet, *Whitehall.*	As there are little hopes of any agreement with the Dutch, desire the general embargo may not be laid aside, as the next summer's fleet will take up 16,000 men. Have taken up 4 more merchant ships than were ordered. Have appointed Mr. Pointer, clerk of the check to the Swiftsure, to the Sovereign; Mr. Hodges, master of the Marston Moor, to be gunner also; Mr. Bodham to be check of the great frigate at Woolwich, and another of the Kentish in the place of Lieut. Rockwell, whom they recommend for lieutenant in one of the frigates now building.	Vol. 78. 26
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Send list of 44 merchant ships taken up to complete the main body of the next summer's guard; desire some of their number will meet them at Portsmouth to consult thereupon.	27, 28
„ „	Mark Harrison, *Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Has come in with 2 great frigates, who will see him to Portsmouth - - - - -	29
„ „	Thos. Scott and 2 others, *Deptford.*	„	Valuation of launching and other blocks, 10*s.* to 20*s.* each; the smaller ones 8*d.* to 18*d.* the foot -	30
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Cannot supply the ships ordered unless the cordage, canvas, &c. contracted for are speedily sent -	31
„ 7	Admiralty Com. -	„	To supply the stores at Harwich with provisions for fitting out any ships sent in from the fleet, and to unload there one of the ships with masts from Gottenburg, when they arrive.	32
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Beccles, Suffolk.*	Navy Com.	Returns their two letters, as he does not know upon which to act; desires an impress warrant, and to know how he is to be paid the charges he will be at.	33
„ „	Capt. John Sherwin, *Primrose, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has brought in his convoys and delivered the prize to Col. Lilburne, and will return to Hull to victual, and then proceed to his station. Supplied some of his convoys with sails, &c., or they would have been lost in the storm.	34
„ „	Gen. Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Gen. Monk	Recommends Capt. Lisle for a command, he having been a great sufferer on behalf of Parliament -	35
„ 8	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	The Dutch Ambassadors asked for the Amity instead of the Paragon to carry them over, as she draws less water. Has no orders to allow victuals for the Ambassadors' men, nor for painters, joiners, &c. The Paragon's steward is still in London and very negligent.	36
„ 9	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Hopes that General Monk has seen them. Has ordered the Centurion to ply between the Isle of Wight and Cape Barfleur, with 7 others, and will increase their number to 12. Had ordered the Mary Rose and others named into Portsmouth to be refitted, but the tides abating, re-ordered them to take in a month's provisions, and keep out until next spring tide.	37
„ „	Wm. Fowler, *Marston Moor, Ellen's Road.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends two muster books of the Marston Moor, and desires they will forward one to the Treasury Office.	38
„ „	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol*	„	Is doing his best to forward the building of the two frigates, but a Treasurer's warrant would expedite the work.	39

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Jan. 9	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	The Emden merchants decline contracting for the cordage, as their letters from thence have been delayed or intercepted, and the war with the Dutch is very prejudicial to the trade, but there being hopes of a peace shortly, the cordage will then be had at a low rate. Prices of sails and anchors; will have the boats built by the time the ships are launched.	40
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Rob. Blackborne	Account of ships repairing. Asks whether his draft plan for building another second-rate ship is approved; if not, will prepare another of different dimensions.	41
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Beccles.*	Gens. Monck and Penn, *Portsmouth*	Thanks for being appointed to the command of the Sovereign for the summer's service; will order such men as can be procured to be entered on board for fitting her out.	42
„ „	Adm. Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	Reference of the account of Rear-Admiral Badiley of receipts and disbursements in his voyage to the Straits.	43
„ „	Robert Blackborne -	„	The Admiralty Committee wish to confer with them at 9 a.m. on Wednesday - - -	44
„ „	Rich. Wollaston, W. Francklin, Jno. Miller.	—	Survey of 144 pieces of unserviceable iron ordnance on Tower wharf - - - -	45
„ 10	Capt. Jos. Jordan, *George, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has sent a hoy with casks to London for water and clothes, and authorised his lieutenant to press more men to make up his 350. Asks whether to sail with the 250 he has, or wait for the remainder.	46
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	47
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham and 3 others, *Newcastle, Bridlington Bay.*	„	The Assurance has come in, having lost her prizes in the storm, but they have since been taken into Whitby and Newcastle. Will joyfully submit to the new Government, and counts it a great joy to see how unanimously the seamen in general are affected with it. The Mermaid and Assurance have gone to Hull for repairs and stores. Desire orders about going out again, as there are several Dutch merchantmen in the Sound.	48
„ 10?	———	—	Order for every sea officer and soldier to have a sea cap, 2 suits of clothes, 3 shirts, 4 pairs of stockings, and 2 of shoes, a rug, and a little sea bed, and for money to be imprested to the captains accordingly.	49
„ „	———	—	Order for the captains and commanders of the ships that are to go to sea to repair on board at once, and use their diligence to get out to sea.	50
„ 11	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Tilbury Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for the news concerning the Dutch. Is sorry that Gen. Monck is about to leave for a more special service. The George is ready to sail; will use all expedition to follow.	51
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Briar, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the ships bound for Newcastle. Asks further instructions as to pressing men, having been fired upon, in common with other boats, in attempting to obtain them out of a fleet of laden ships.	52
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane -	„	Has received his commission for the Triumph, and the press warrant, but had previously received an express from Gens. Monck and Penn that he was appointed to the Sovereign. Hopes in 14 days to have sufficient men and some to spare.	53

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Jan. 11	Capt. Lionel Lane -	Robt. Blackborne	To the same effect - - - - - - - - -	54
„ „	Gen. Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Generals of the Fleet, *Whitehall.*	The Laurel and other ships have come in with prizes; 4 are from Gottenburg, Lubec, and Danzick. Has examined the masters; sends a list of them, and particulars of their lading, viz., masts, iron, timber, pipestaves, lead, tar, and hemp.	55, 56
„ „	Gen. Wm. Penn -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	57, 58
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Robt. Blackborne	To like effect. The Foresight has been added to the list sent of the winter guard, and 3 more are to follow, so to be better able to deal with the Dutch merchant ships expected from France. Capt. Martin, who is appointed to the frigate building at Portsmouth, wants to select his own clerk of the check. The amount payable to Capt. Bourne, for services in the Resolution and Swiftsure, had better be left to the Navy Commissioners. Recommends Gabriel Wallers and Jno. Vim, gunners, and Wm. Rolfe and David Bowles, carpenters, for employment in the 3rd rate frigates now building. Asks for a supply of martial laws, encouragements for seamen, and instructions for stewards and clerks. Capt. Howett desires a surgeon may be sent down for the Foresight.	59
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Thos. Turner, clerk to the Navy Com^rs	Sends a list of the winter guard. The fleet has continued in the Road and Stokes Bay ever since coming out. 4 ships have arrived from Gottenburg laden with masts.	60
„ „	Roger Granett, *Sophia, Ellen's Road, near Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has taken the clerk of the check's place, and finds the books in great disorder. The complement of fish on board is short by two months; asks what course to adopt.	61
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Desires a surgeon may be sent down for the Falcon flyboat, as there are several sick men on board, and the present surgeon is a drunkard and unskilful, and took a man's leg off unnecessarily. The ship bound for New England has arrived.	62
„ „	Capt. Wm. Ledgant	Adm. Com.	Asks an order to the carpenter at Deptford yard to fit out the Nicodemus - - -	63
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To fit out speedily the vessels for the summer guard, and to have those that are unserviceable valued.	64
„ „	„ -	„	To load fitting goods on board the ships they wish to send to New England for masts, and make out bills to the Navy Treasurer.	65
„ „	„ -	„	To take account of the new frigates building, and require them to be ready for launching according to contract.	66
„ 12	„ -	„	To make out a bill to Rich. Nutt, master of the barges, for 7*l.* 10*s.* - - - -	67
„ „	„ -	„	To examine whether satisfaction has not been made to the master of the Mary for a cable taken out of her for the use of the Sun, and if not, to allow him the value.	68

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Jan. 12	Abraham Woofe -	Gen. Robt. Blake.	Petition for employment as a lieutenant, having been a seaman 40 years, and suffered great losses by the Dutch, respecting whom he has written a treatise entitled "Y^e^ tiranny of y^e^ Dutch against the English;" with order by the Admiralty Committee that he be midshipman on the James.	69
„ „	Capt. J. Sharland, *Red Hart, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the ships from Gravesend to the Humber, in company with Capt. Wetwang, and brought 12 back to Harwich, where he has been tallowed, and will again set sail northward.	70
„ 13	Stephen Knowling, clerk of the check, *Dartmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Three Dutch ships have been brought in, one by Capt Smith of the Hector, which pretends to be from Hamburg and has a quantity of Dutch cheese; the others have butter, cheese, herrings, pepper, and spices, and were taken by private men-of-war; also a Frenchman with salt, brandy, and vinegar.	71
„ „	Samuel Windis, *Liverpool.*	„	Sends a survey of the Paradox, which came in with 4 feet of water above her ballast. Will husband the expenses of her repair, and hopes to have her refitted within 14 days.	72
„ „	Major N. Bourne -	Adm. Com.	Recommends the widow of Lieut. Bartholomew Bourne of the Assistance for relief, her husband having been slain off Portland in Feb. last.	73
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	To supply the Foresight with a surgeon, the former one being transferred to the Speaker -	74
„ „	„ -	„	Reference of the letter and list from Gen. Penn [*see* Nos. 55, 56,] and order to furnish the stores with masts and other provisions, out of the ships mentioned, and to tell the Navy Victuallers about the clapboard.	75
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has been to the quarter sessions at Exeter, settling the assessments, and the monthly tax. The man who bought the tar of the boatswain of the Sampson is bound over to the next sessions, when the boatswain will also be tried. The Middleburg and Sapphire have gone westward. Hopes to supply the stores, and settle all things needful in 20 days. The Hector has sent into Dartmouth a ship of Amsterdam, having 3,000 cheeses, and a private man-of-war has brought in a Rotterdamer with herrings and Holland cheese, 10 tons of pepper, and some cloves.	76
„ „	Capt. Haytubb, *Ipswich.*	„	Cannot put the press warrant into execution, by reason of the interest the magistrates have in the shipping; desires order to repair to Yarmouth Roads to complete the number of his men.	77
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	To take care for speedy paying the company of the Wren, and for Capt. Drue, her commander, to fall down to the Hope for further instructions.	78
„ „	„ - -	„	To make out a bill for pay to Gen. Monk as last year, abating the imprests - - -	79
„ „	——	—	Protection for the Allan frigate, going to Balasore, East Indies, to give intelligence, preserve trade, and bring home saltpetre, with 12 seamen and 8 landmen.	80
„ 14	Mat. Winds, surgeon of *Ipswich.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for allowance for his pains, being employed under Dr. Whistler in taking charge of the sick and wounded.	81
„ „	„ „ -	„	Account of the men he had in charge 10 June to 9 Dec. 1653, with the nature of their wounds or ailments.	82
„ „	Sick and Wounded Commissioners.	„	Have taken the opinions of 4 surgeons on the accounts, and think Winds should be allowed 58*l.* 10*s.*	83

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1654.				Vol. 78.
Jan. 14	Navy Comrs. -	—	Estimate of masts, cordage, hemp, and other considerable provisions in the stores, or which are wanted and some contracted for. The wants, exclusive of victuals, wages, freight, building ships, and the Ordnance Office, amount to 310,000*l.*	84
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Acknowledges the high favour with which General Monck is pleased to dignify him, but is little worthy of it. Arrival and departure of ships. Many men fall sick, and a council of war has been held to inquire into the condition of the fleet; the General intends sending such ships into Portsmouth harbour next spring tide as are unfit for service. Most of the ships from London want boatswains and carpenters' stores; they say they are tired out with attendance; approves of the transfer of Capt. Lane from the Sovereign to the Triumph, if he can procure men. Encloses a letter from the steward of the Sovereign, and desires a surgeon may be sent down for the Foresight.	85
„ „	General Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Adm. Com.	The Paragon and 3 others have come in, and 6 prizes have sailed under convoy for London. Are ready there to embrace any opportunity for the good of the service. Will question Capt. Cobham respecting the cable, when he arrives from the fleet.	86
„ „	„ „ -	Generals of the fleet.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	87
„ „	Phineas Swett -	Adm. Com.	List of household furniture and other effects in his custody as door-keeper to the Committee -	88
„ „	Charles Bowles, *Rochester.*	Lieut.-Col. Thos. Kelsey.	Solicits his influence on behalf of Chas. Hadsoll, late gunner of the Advice, who is to be tried by a council of war for embezzlement, he being a relative; he was very active in the service.	89
„ 15	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Pearl, Gallions.*	Adm. Com.	Having had 80 more men sent on board by the press-masters, will proceed to his station, but waits for a new anchor from Deptford.	90
„ 16	Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.*	Col. Rich, *Eltham.*	Has received 2,230 bolts of reed into the stores from Wm. Sayward at 45*s.* per 100 bolts, but as part of it was cut off the waste near Barking Creek, belonging to the manor of Woolwich, shall forbear signing the bill until further order.	91
„ „	Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires order to the storekeeper at Deptford to send down an anchor and some stores to Capt. Blowfield of the Convert in the Hope, as he is to convoy 8 merchant ships to Rouen.	92
„ „	Capt. Jas. Ableson, *Mermaid, Hull Road.*	Generals of the fleet, *Portsmouth.*	Has come in from the Holland coast, by order of Nath. Cobham, commander-in-chief, having lost his foremast and fore-topmast, and the sails thereto belonging, but is in hopes of getting a supply here.	93
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	94
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Rob. Blackborne.	Desires order to take up a ship to carry some masts from Dartmouth for the stores. The shipmaster asks 40*l.* for bringing them from Brittany, which is most unreasonable.	95

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Jan. 16	Capt. Thos. Wilkes, *Discovery, Spithead.*	Gens. of the fleet, *Portsmouth.*	Has been with his officers in the Isle of Wight, Hampton, and Hampshire, and impressed 150 men for his own and other ships; will sail to General Penn at Ellen's road with upwards of 100 men and endeavour to get more.	96
„ „	„ „ -	Gens. Blake, Monck, and Desborough, *Whitehall.*	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	97
„ „	Fras. Rous? *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	Recommends Stephen Wills, a distressed and maimed mariner, as an object of charity - -	98
„ „	Capt. Joseph Jordan, *George, Hope.*	Gens. Blake and Desborough.	Having procured 40 more men, making nearly 300, will sail to the Lee Road, in order to keep them on board, and then to the fleet. Hears that ships coming in on their arrival at Lee put their men on shore.	99
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	100
„ „	Gen. Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Generals of the fleet, *Whitehall.*	Are now setting sail with the main body of the fleet, and intend to ply in the station named before, leaving a vessel in the road to receive letters, &c. The former Judge-Advocate and Marshal-General have been approved of for this expedition, also Mr. Marcum as surgeon, but if the war with the Dutch goes on, will want a French and Dutch interpreter as last summer.	101
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	102
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Robt. Blackborne	The wind having settled at N.N.E. the fleet is about sailing to its former station; wants some printed instructions for clerks of the check and stewards, and the martial laws and encouragements for seamen, and the order of the Navy Commissioners as to what each officer is to receive while in petty warrant. Capt. Bourne hopes he will receive his extra allowance while he was the General's captain. Begs to be remembered to the Generals and Col. Kelsey; hopes the surgeons will be sent down, as there is great want of them.	103
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To make out a bill to Major Nehemiah Bourne for his pay and entertainment as rear-admiral, from 13 Mar. to 19 May 1652.	104
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Mrs. Fowler for the entertainment of her husband, John Fowler, from the date of his commission, to 31 Dec. last, at the rate of 8*s.* a day.	105
„ 17	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Woodbridge.*	„	The cables did not arrive in time to get the frigates out of dock last spring tide. Complains of his carpenter who has gone to London without leave, and desires he may be sent back, or another in his place.	106
„ „	Robert Coytmor -	„	Certifies that his nephew, Robt. Coytmor, served several years on board the Elizabeth under Capt. Reeves, and was sent to Haarlem to learn writing, ciphering, and Dutch, and thence to England. Recommends him for employment.	107

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1654. Jan. 17	Thos. Pointer, *Resolution, off the Texel.*	NavyComrs	Capts. Vessey and Oddy brought in a vessel to the fleet riding off the Fly laden with salt and sugar, but she disputed for two hours before yielding. The fleet continued under sail all night, and came to anchor in the Texel yesterday morning. The Portsmouth has brought a packet to the Generals.	Vol. 78. 108
„ „	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been supplied with two months' provisions by Col. Lilburne, and will convoy the remainder of Col. Alured's regiment to Orkney, taking with him the prize he took, which has been made a man-of-war. Hopes as the spring draws on, they will send down more ships, as there will be good service to be done between Shotland and Orkney, in regard of the Dutch passing that way.	109
„ „	Thos. Rickett, master of the *Plover.*	„	Petition to continue in his place, being appointed by the Council of State, 16 Nov. 1652, or removed to a larger frigate. Has served many years, and is commended by Col. Cobbett to Gen. Monk. With certificates by Capt. Rob. Robinson and Rich. Stayner that he is fit to be master of the Plymouth.	110–112
„ „	Capt. W. Vessey, *Margate Road.*	„	Plying upon the coast of France, put a vessel on shore with two guns, but could not get her off; took another laden with sugar, alum, and starch, which he delivered to the prize officers at Dover. Convoyed 20 sail of merchantmen from Dunkirk to the Gore. There are 12 sail of Dutch at Dunkirk with one convoy; if weather permits, intends to try and meet them, in company with Capt. Crapnall and the Nonsuch ketch.	113
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Hull.*		Has been plying 5 weeks between the Dogger and the Reef, with the Assurance and Mermaid, by order of General Monck; they received much damage by the storms, and lost each other for several days, the Assurance having three prizes, but have now all come in to be refitted and victualled.	114
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Smith has sent in 2 prizes to Dartmouth, laden with cheese and wine, and the Hound another. The Advice has impressed 50 or 60 men in the road, and the Old Warwick has come in to tallow and revictual. If we do not agree with the Dutch, an embargo must be put on ships going to Newfoundland, or they will carry away 1,500 men. Is settling matters so as to attend the Commissioners in London.	115
„ „	Adm. Com. -	NavyComrs	On certificate of the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, they are to make out a bill to Math. Winde, surgeon of Ipswich, for 58*l.* 10*s.* for attendance on the sick and wounded put on shore there from the fleet.	116
„ „	„ -	„	To instruct the boatswain at Chatham to proceed in rigging and fitting out the Crow, as soon as she is launched.	117
„ „	„ -	„	To make out bills quarterly for an additional 30*l.* a year to Mr. Hayward, clerk of the Survey at Chatham, for extra services, he having to engage and pay a clerk out of his salary of 70*l.* a year.	118
„ „	Generals of the fleet, *Whitehall.*	Capt. Lane	To do his utmost to man the Triumph, and have her convoyed to the fleet in the Hope, although he is to be removed into the Sovereign, which will not be ready for 3 months.	119

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1654. Jan. 17	Generals of the fleet, *Whitehall.*	Commanders of the *Newcastle, &c.*	To convoy to the Hope all the seamen Capt. Lane may send to them for supplying the Triumph -	Vol. 78. 120
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Woodbridge.*	Navy Com^rs	Is in great want of money to pay his men. Complains of the misconduct of his carpenter, who, after coming down in the hoy with his stores, has suddenly gone back to London, leaving the ship and its contents unprotected; desires some one may be sent down to take charge of the stores.	121
„ 18	Company of the *Relief.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to Capt. Rich. Badiley to receive and pay their arrears of wages according to accounts annexed. 200*l.*, money of Mr. Wiche the owner of the ship, ordered for them, is stopped in the hands of the Navy Treasurer. With 2 papers of accounts.	122
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To cause the boatswain's stores for the Convert in the Hope, bound as a convoy for some ships to Rouen, and an anchor for the Pearl in the Gallions, to be hastened down, and to take notice of the neglect of the officers in delaying to furnish them.	123
„ „	„ -	„	To contract for the hire for next summer of Cuthert Embleton's hoy, which has done good service in attending the fleet.	124
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Gen. Desborow, *Whitehall.*	Recommends Sam. Richardson for employment as clerk of the check or steward - - -	125
„ 19	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Certificate that he has received 32*l.* from Rich. Whyttall for a parcel of shot embezzled from the State	126
„ „	Comrs. of Prizes -	Navy Com^rs	Ask whether several prizes and 3,000 deals which are to be sold at Yarmouth on the 26th will be of any service to the State.	127
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To certify the condition of the Nicodemus, and whether it may be convenient to fit her for service	128
„ „	„ -	„	To certify what proceedings have been taken with regard to the ships in the river, of which a list was lately sent them.	129
„ „	Wm. Cooper, *Olaves, Southwark.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Capt. Shelley, who has been misrepresented. No man acted with more valour in the late engagement; desires him, when Shelley appears before the Generals, to so far aid him as to get his paper read in presence of Gen. Monk, who knows him, and not to stand between him and the Generals to his hindrance.	130
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has viewed the two frigates building; although the work is progressing, they cannot be launched for some time after that agreed upon; will hasten the carpenter to get more men. Desires Thos. Orrell may be appointed cook of the Yarmouth.	131
„ „	Capt. Jonathan Hide, *Hound, Plymouth Sound.*	Generals of the Fleet, *Swiftsure.*	Took a Hollander called the Spotted Ox, and sent her into Dartmouth. Is taking in fresh water, and will sail this evening. The Hector has come in to be refitted and victualled.	132

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Jan. 20	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Beccles.*	Generals Blake and Desborough, *Whitehall.*	Recommends Capt. Thos. Elliot, late of the Employment, and one of the bailiffs of Aldborough, for another command, he having rendered good service with his partner, Wm. Shipman, in providing quarters, &c. for the sick and wounded.	133
„ „	Fras. Pointer, *Whitehall.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward his application for discharge from the Little President as clerk of the check, and to take care of his certificate.	134
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Hull.*	Adm. Com.	His ship and the Mermaid and Assurance, being much damaged in the storms, were forced to come in for masts and sails, and having been refitted, will be ready to sail in 10 days. Asks further orders.	135
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships. Has received 200 barrels of powder for the stores out of the Defence. Capt. Godfrey of the Middleburg has brought in two Dutch ships from Rochelle and Dunkirk, laden with wine and brandy.	136
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Sapphire, off the Lizard.*	„	A ship acting as convoy to 60 others homeward bound from Bordeaux has grounded and sunk off the French coast. Met several ships named, as also the Middleburg with a supposed prize, and which, with another laden with wine, he has sent into Plymouth. A fleet of 200 sail is expected from Holland.	137
„ „	General Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Cape de Hogue.*	Generals of the Fleet, *Whitehall.*	Has been plying between the Isle of Wight and Cape Barfleur, and will continue doing so. The Diamond forced a vessel on shore from Newhaven bilged, the Expedition has brought in the Hope of Camphier, in Zealand, bound for Bordeaux, and the Diamond forced another on shore. The Ruby ran into a Virginiaman and sunk her, but only one man was drowned. Will keep on this station until further ordered; it is customary to visit the French shore once a day, and a party of frigates lies close under the shore. Stations of ships. With journal of the fleet's motions, 16 to 20 Jan.	138, 139
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	140
„ „	John Bright -	Navy Com^rs	Receipted bill for 51*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* for timber delivered into the stores at Deptford, for which he is content "to accept of the commonwealth for payment."	141
„ 21	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Woodbridge.*	„	Has received 200*l.* of Nich. Philips, and given him a bill upon the Navy Treasurer, which he desires may be paid to Wm. Cotton, merchant of London. Hopes to get the frigate out of dock to-day.	142
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Hull.*	„	Being ordered to the coast of Norway, and destitute of a boat, has purchased a shallop at Scarborough, and desires they will see it paid for.	143
„ 22	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Chester.*	Adm. Com.	Received their orders at Cowes while manning his ship. Went to Portsmouth to get a pilot, and speak with the General, but he had weighed with his fleet; is now lying at anchor waiting commands.	144
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne	To the same effect. Complains of the absence of Jas. Pearson, boatswain, and Philip Weeden, steward; desires John Byes may be appointed boatswain.	145

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Jan. 22	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Asks for the appointment of a master attendant; being unable to do the service of both places, the State suffers.	146
„ 23	Robert Taylor -	—	Particulars of ships at Woolwich and Deptford, 4, 10, 13, 18, and 23 Jan. - - -	147–151
„ „	William Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Will procure what stores are to be had, but desires 150 barrels of tar, and the guns of the Winsby sent down, as he intends to launch her first. Can make furnaces at 16½*d.* a lb. Wants sails from St. Malo.	152
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinkinson, *Weymouth pink.*	Adm. Com.	Has been convoying some laden hoys to Lynn and Boston, by order of Major Burton, also some colliers for Newcastle. Two ships were surprised and carried away by the Dutch fleet; would rather be engaged with the enemy than be convoy to colliers. 30 ships will be ready to sail within 4 days, and he and the Bryer will accompany them.	153
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Will take order for bringing the masts from Dartmouth. The master of a prize lately brought in laden with wine and brandy met 9 sail of Hollanders, one of which carried Swede's colours, and had much gold on board, and the rest salt, wine, and brandy, and were standing towards Ireland, having no convoy.	154
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send certificate of stores contracted for, on the order of 6 Dec. 53, for this winter and next summer's fleet.	155
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mill, *The Falmouth, off Ushant.*	„	Fell foul of 4 Brest men-of-war, of which Beech was one, and after engaging them for 6 hours, put them to flight, and saved his convoy. Took one Smith of Brest, who had taken a vessel of Plymouth, redeemed it, and sent Smith into Plymouth.	156
„ 24	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Woodbridge.*	Gen. Robt. Blake or Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	Brought down the masts and rigging for both frigates, and has endeavoured to get them out of the dock, but wanted the cables and anchors. Desires order to carry them to Harwich to take in the guns and other provisions, which he hopes will be hastened down.	157
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The master and steersman of the prize brought in confirm what he wrote respecting the Dutch fleet; it was reported last night that 3 private men-of-war belonging to London and Fowey had taken seven Dutch wine ships near the mouth of the Channel. Four ships have put in from Malaga.	158
„ „	Capt. Robt. Haytubb, *Salt Road.*	„	Will sail to the fleet next week, but wants 20 and 30 of his complement of men - - -	159
„ „	Thos. Adames, *Woodbridge.*	Adm. Com.	The masts have arrived, is setting them, and hopes to be ready as soon as Capt. Gethings. Has no cables, and wants the greater part of his cordage.	160
„ „	Jonas Shish -	Navy Com^rs	Has measured the Hopewell hoy belonging to Mr. Ashly, and thinks her as large as Thomas Stirling's hoy.	161
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	To refit the Nicodemus if it can be completed for 90*l.* - - - - - -	162
„ „	„ - -	„	To make out a bill to Lieut. Nath. Rockwell of the Andrew for 6*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for disbursements while on board the Newcastle and in coming to London.	163
„ „	„ - -	„	To mark out 30 merchant ships in the river, and treat with the owners for their hire and freight-	164

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1654.				Vol. 78.
Jan. 24	Major Jno. Wade, *Gloucester.*	Adm. Com.	Has lighted the furnaces erected by him for the State; they may expect some shot very shortly, which will average 15 tons per week. Asks for money as his stock is quite exhausted; is much importuned by the poor people.	165
„ 25	Capt. Jno. Lambert, *Lion, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Will ship all his provisions and stores this week; desires order to fall down to the Lee Road to press men.	166
„ „	Capt. Robert Wilkinson, *Brier, Tynemouth Haven.*	„	Convoyed the northern fleet into Sunderland and Tynemouth, where there are a number bound for London, which he will see as far to the southward as he is ordered.	167
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has launched the Crow, and will set her masts to-morrow, and then dock the Gift, another Flemish prize. Particulars of ships. After all things are reconciled, and the obstructions to peace removed, would like to borrow 2 or 3 days to wait upon his friends once in 4 or 5 months; "but as things have been carried, notwithstanding a glorious profession, one man might better steal a horse than another look over the hedge."	168
„ „	Generals Blake and Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	The wind being easterly, are going to sea again, and will ply in the same station as formerly reported.	169
„ „	„ - -	Generals of the fleet.	To the same effect. Thanks to the Lord Protector for their commissions; will endeavour to faithfully discharge the trust committed to them.	170
„ „	John Poortmans, *Swiftsure, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	General Blake has come on board, and the fleet is going to sea forthwith. Surgeons are wanted for the Foresight and Welcome. Hopes that the extra allowance due to Capt. Bourne will not be forgotten, and that Mr. Bodham will be appointed clerk of the check to the great new frigate, as General Penn has inquired about it.	171
„ „	Hen. Saffold -	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks assistance in procuring him a purser or steward's place, having served in that capacity in the Old Warwick, and been recommended by the Generals and Phineas Pett. With certificate of General Blake in his favour, 10 Nov. 1652.	172, 173
„ „	Dan. Smyth and Wm. Beauchamp, *Harwich.*	Mr. Jorey, *Little Tower St.*	Certify that Thos. Trice, pilot of the Resolution, died at Harwich, 23rd of July 1653. With note by Thos. Arkenstall, Chatham, 3 Jan., that Trice was entered as pilot for the north of England, Scotland, Holland, and Flanders, on 29 April, and was put on shore sick 13 July; does not know whether his son Thomas received his wages. Beg him to see Mr. Marston at Westminster respecting his papers.	174
„ „	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Dublin Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Was much shaken in a storm and forced to strike the guns in the hold, but is waiting to convoy a vessel with ammunition for Cork, and then return to Dublin for orders. The Commissioners of Parliament at Dublin have ordered him to take up money at Kinsale to build a boat.	175
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Want a surgeon for the Falcon, and necessary money for the Sophia's steward. Several of the Lily's men, cast away at Weymouth, ask an allowance for their clothes, as others have had.	176

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1654.				
Jan. 26	Thos. Wilson -	—	Certificate that Wm. Bolton, late clerk of the check in the Water Hound, has delivered in his victualling accounts.	Vol. 78. 177
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Asks an order to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods to take up money for pay of his company's prize money for last year.	178
„ „	Isaiah Thomas, and Thos. Woodliff, Revenue Commissioners, *Cork.*	„	Recommend Capt. Peter Bowen, commander of the Mayflower in the Irish squadron, for a better ship, and desire he may be one of the summer guard upon that coast. There is no ship now plying there.	179
„ „	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *The Portsmouth, Ushant.*	„	While lying between the Land's End and Ushant, with the Sapphire and 3 others, by order of Gen. Penn, for suppressing Brest pirates, took the Dergos of Zealand from Bordeaux, bound for St. Malo, with 141 tuns of wine and 50 cakes of pitch, and has ordered her into Plymouth. Will endeavour to secure trade and reduce enemies.	180
„ „	James Hine, mariner	„	Petition for employment as a gunner; has served 5 years in the Little President. With certificate by Capt. Edw. Sole and 9 others in his favour. Also note of Jas. Hine, begging consideration thereof.	181
„ 27	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Hull.*	„	Capt. Cobham, who sailed on Monday, has fallen amongst some private men-of-war from Holland; has heard the guns. Is tallowing and taking in 4 months' provisions, and will hasten the fitting out. More ships are providing for Hamburg. With bills for tallowing, &c., receipted.	182–186
„ „	Capt. John Sherwin, *Primrose, Leith Road.*		Hopes to get all his victuals on board by Tuesday, and then shall only have to wait for the Fortune prize, and will sail for the Isles of Orkney, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.	187
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} Robt. Blackborne.	To fit the Renown fire-ship for the service - - - - - - - -	188
„ 28	Capt. Joseph Jordan, *George, Lee Road.*		Thanks for the printed news. Has 340 men on board, and when his number is completed, will sail to the fleet, with such as he can get for it. Asks news concerning the treaty with the Dutch.	189
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	190
„ „	Edm. Smith, *Leith*	Wm. Burton, Navy Com^{r}.	Sends papers relating to the drunkenness, mutinies, and disorders of his officers, and desires their removal or the ship will be unserviceable.	191
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Sand Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Convoying 8 ships to Newcastle, laden with corn, took a Dutch private man-of-war, having 6 guns and 50 men, and the Sparrow took another; there are several others upon the coast, which he hopes to meet when going to the fleet. 30 sail of colliers will be ready to sail in 24 hours.	192
„ „	„ „	Generals of the fleet.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	193
„ 29	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has set the masts, and hopes to sail next week. Delivered a copy of their order to Capt. Pack of the Amity, who will see it executed.	194

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1654. Jan. 29	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Amity having sailed before their later express arrived, could not send it, so expects Capt. Pack will follow his first orders to go to the Humber.	195
„ 30	Capt. Wm. Baltazar	—	Receipt of bills of lading, letters, &c. from Rob. Blackborne, by order of the Admiralty Committee.	196
„ „	Thos. Jones -	„	Petition for payment of a balance of 659*l.* for the hire and freight of the Anne and Joyce. With reference to the Navy Commissioners to examine and report.	197
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Aldborough.*	Generals Blake and Desborough, *Whitehall.*	Has endeavoured to procure men; not meeting with one of the frigates ordered him, has taken up a private man-of-war, and will sail this week, being anxious to serve his country.	198
„ „	Allyn Acworth, *Rochester.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for his appointment to preach last Lord's day in Chatham Dockyard. Hopes they will be directed in the choice of a faithful chaplain.	19 9
„ „	Gens. Blake and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stoke's Bay.*	Generals of the fleet, *Whitehall.*	Send a list of the fleet come in and left at sea. Have directed the Dragon, Tiger, and Adventure to ply eastward, to intercept several Dutch merchantmen coming from Newhaven, and Capt. Cubit and others to ply off the Land's End, as an additional strength to ships already there.	200
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Will make a survey of the brass guns in the fleet; recommend Gabriel Walters, gunner in the Assistance, for employment in the frigate building at Portsmouth.	201
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is glad Gen. Blake is with the fleet, and begs to be remembered to him, Col. Clarke, and Mr. Creed. Thinks the Dutch are jugglers, and necessity drives them to a peace. Wonders the Amity has not arrived; there have been 20 Yarmouth vessels taken the last two months, one of which was his own. Is sorry Mr. Feake and others cannot keep their tongues in bounds. Mr. Lucas is not in town, having received some injury by falling from his horse, and has sent for his wife.	202
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction.*	Adm. Com.	Has received 40 chests of money on board, and will sail for Dublin with the first wind. Has been in Chester water. General Penn has sailed.	203
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To examine all other accounts relating to the service in the Straits after they have gone through Capt. Badiley's account.	204
„ „	„ „	„	To attend them in the Admiralty Chamber to-morrow at 9 a.m. - - - - -	205
„ 31	Capt. Isaiah Blowfield, *Convert, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Newhaven, and convoyed back all the ships that were ready, and will now sail to the fleet. A Dutch man-of-war and a shallop have taken a ship of Yarmouth off Newhaven; two French men-of-war are lying off Dunkirk. A large number of ships have gone for Newfoundland.	206
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Kingston - upon - Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has sent the letters and orders to the captains to whom they were directed - - -	207

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1654. Jan. 31	Capt. Rob. Vessey, *Fox, Liverpool.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has come in by order of the Commissioners of Parliament at Dublin to victual, and search for a leak, and will return to Dublin.	Vol. 78. 208
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Received their orders by Capt. Nich Foster, and will put them in execution the first wind. Hopes the papers he sent by Capt. Foster of his proceedings at sea have been received.	209
„ „	Hen. Martin, late lieutenant of the *Samson.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment, the ship being taken up at Leghorn for the State and burnt by the Dutch, whereby he lost property valued at 150*l.*, and had his servant slain in the fight. With certificate in his favour by Capt. Edw. Seaman, and order to the Navy Commissioners to make him out a bill for 15*l.* on account of his loss.	210
„ „	Capt. Jas. Ableson, *Mermaid, Hull Road.*	„	Has set the foremast; is taking in provisions, and hopes to sail in 7 days, and attend to their orders.	211
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Hull.*	„	Has manned a private man-of-war to convoy the letters to the Phœnix and Amity, there being several freebooters upon the coast. Capt. Cobham went out and took one of 6 guns, and another of 18. Wants sails and rigging.	212
„ „	Manlie Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of the progress of the works on ships named - - - - - -	213
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Sapphire, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Generals appointed him in company with 3 other ships to ply in the Soundings. On the 26th met 5 sail, 2 Ostenders, 2 Dunkirkers, and 1 Hamburgher, from Malaga, and supposing they were going for Holland, brought them into Plymouth to clear themselves. Also took a Dutch man-of-war off the Lizard, the Walcheren of Middleburg, of 20 guns and 70 men, 6 whereof were slain. She had been 7 months from home, and had sold her prizes in France. She commonly lay about the West Coast, and the Nightingale had a fight with her, 24 days since, near the Start. Hopes to capture Beach and the rest shortly, or will make the sea too hot for them.	214
„ „	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *The Portsmouth, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Journal of his proceedings and of ships met with and taken while plying at sea. Has received much damage in fight, and had 5 men killed and 19 wounded; some of the latter having lost their limbs, hopes the State will consider of them. Recovered the Patrick of Liverpool from a Brest man-of-war, and one of her men gave him the following list of 19 Brest ships. They lie about Lundy and the Land's End, and send their prizes to Brest. Hopes the utter subversion of that perverse generation.	215
Jan. ?	Jane Harris -	„	Petition for the arrears of pay due to William Harris, her husband, Nich. Harris, his brother, and Thos. Cole, her brother, all of whom suffered great losses and injury, having been taken prisoners by the Dutch when the Phœnix was captured by them in the Straits. Is impoverished by long waiting for relief. With certificates of Capt. Robt. Vessey and Jno. Wadsworth.	216–218

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1654. Jan. ?	Elizabeth Hubbard, widow.	Adm. Com.	Petition for further relief. Her husband, Jno. Hubbard, was slain in the late engagement, while serving as a yeoman in the Speaker, and left her in great poverty, with two children. Came from Portsmouth, and after 13 weeks' attendance, received 10*l.*, which will not defray her charges, much less supply her great wants. With certificate of Roger Granger, Mayor of Portsmouth, and 7 others in her favour, 8 Oct. 1653.	Vol. 78. 221, 222
Feb. 1	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	„	The disbursements of the Mayor, &c. of Harwich for sick and wounded were 1,283*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*, and 82*l.* 10*s.* extra, viz., 32*l.* to the Mayor for his pains, and 50*l.* to the town clerk, Mr. Smith, including 25*l.* 10*s.* at 2 per cent. for receipts and disbursements; 1,220*l.* has been paid and 146*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* is still due.	Vol. 79. 1
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	The 4 brass guns in the Freeman are worth 4*l.* per cwt., and as they are 123 cwt., they will amount to 492*l.*	2
„ „	William Randall -	„	Petition for the place of boatswain. With certificate of Capt. Fras. Parke and 3 others - -	3, 4
„ „	Capt. Jno. Harmon, *Diamond.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends list of 96 men pressed in London for his ship, 22 Nov., and accounts of disbursements therein, and desires the amount may be paid to Rob. Smith.	5, 6
„ 2	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of powder and shot received and delivered since 26 Jan.; also state of the stores, 2nd Feb., with notes of receipt and delivery, 2 to 8 Feb.	7, 8
„ „	Capt. Joseph Jordan, *George, Dover Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having obtained his complement of men, will get to the fleet, putting his pilot on shore - -	9
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *James, Tilbury Hope.*	„	Has communicated the Generals' order to attend them at the Admiralty chamber next Tuesday, to the rest of the commanders in the Hope, that they may also be present. The merchants carry away all the seamen. The Andrew has come in and the Lion sailed to Lee Road.	10
„ „	Luke Capon -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be allowed to retain his place as cook in the Little President, Thos. Clements, who has had a warrant for it, being willing to surrender it, on ascertaining he had never been discharged. With certificate of Rich. Suffell, master, and 6 others in his favour. Noted that he is to be continued in his place.	11, 12
„ „	Wm. Donn, *Walderswick.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends particulars of the forwardness of a new frigate building there, which is very satisfactory, there being 30 men at work.	13
„ „	Capt. Peter Foot, *Brier, Humber Road.*	Adm. Com.	The convoy from Tynemouth Haven are safe in Yarmouth Roads, and the captain of the Weymouth will see them further southwards. Is going to convoy several ships from Hull to the river, but wanting men, applied to the bailiffs in the northern parts, who refused to act for want of a press warrant; desires one may be sent down.	14
„ „	Capt. Rich. Shepherd, *Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	Navy Com^rs^	Plying about the Land's End, met 4 French ships bound for Newhaven, and after fighting 5 hours, took 2, but lost 5 men and had 19 wounded. His rigging and mast being disabled, has been forced into Plymouth, and will be ready to put to sea by the 14th.	15

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1654. Feb. 3	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Fox.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the powder and ammunition at Dublin, and was ordered by the Parliament Commissioners there to go round the Isle of Man and on the coast, and then in to victual; having found a leak, shall return to Dublin. Has sailed round the Isle of Man. Will direct Capt. Jones to send an account of the Paradox.	16
„ „	Capt. Robt. Drew and 4 other officers of the *Wren, Woolwich.*	—	Certificate that John Swann is able to take charge as master carpenter or clerk of the check, and is a very honest and godly man.	17
„ „	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *The Portsmouth, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Before wrote of the taking of the St. Martin and St. Helena of St. Malo, and the recovering of the Patrick of Liverpool from the Brest men-of-war, as also how he intended to dispose of the ships on the station between the Land's End and Ushant; as they send their prizes to Brest and Port Lewis, they will be best met with on the French coast; that would much conduce to their ruin. The prize taken by Capt. Eaton had before taken the Patrick of Liverpool from his men.	18
„ 4	W. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	„	Could not deliver the letter to Capt. Cobham, as he was forced to sea again by a north wind. He was before the Bar with 50 Dutch prisoners, for whom he required a place, but it could not be found, as there are 50 in the common gaol.	19
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Fortune, Hong Road, Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs^	Hopes to return to Ireland with the convoys in a week, and then lie on his old station between Kinsale and the Shannon. As his men greatly complain for want of their wages, will give them tickets for part, and send an account what is lent the men.	20
„ „	„	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	21
„ „	Capt. John Wetwang, *Sparrow, Tynemouth Bar.*	„	Convoyed 7 Hull ships into the Humber, and 30 sail of colliers from Newcastle to Flamborough Head, where he chased a Dutch man-of-war without effect, but took another the next day with 6 guns and 52 men, killing 1 and wounding 7, and delivered her to the Prize officers at Newcastle. Is coming southward with 40 more colliers, but would rather have other employment, as he cannot keep them together, and consequently cannot secure them.	22
„ „	Jas. Powell, *Bristol*	Robt. Blackborne.	Progress of ships building. There are 6 iron guns with Mr. Bond at Minehead which will be useful.	23
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Markes has 24 barrels of powder ready, and will have 40 more in 14 days; if Messrs. Smith and Matkine would supply the saltpetre, he would be able to perform his contract, as his mill is in good condition, but he has lost 10 cwt. by fire.	24
„ „	Churchwardens and Poor overseers of *Deal.*	„	Petition that the wages of Thos. Trice, pilot of Deal, who died in the service, and of his son Thomas, may be paid to them on behalf of the 7 orphans, and something done for their relief. With reference to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, and further reference, 10 Feb., to the Navy Commissioners.	25
„ „	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Receipt of 15*l.* from the wife of Edm. Smith for ammunition belonging to the State embezzled by her husband.	26

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Feb. 5	Mark Harrison, *Church prize, Spithead.*	Navy Com[rs]	As the ships that are to go in his company to Newfoundland are to have more guns and men, desires leave to ship 6 guns more there.	Vol. 79. 27
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *James, Tilbury Hope.*	Generals of the Fleet and Adm. Com.	Communicated their desires to the commanders, and endeavoured to man the James, but the men run, as the merchants give higher wages. Has got 250 on board, and will sail if ordered. Wishes there were an embargo, as it would benefit the State. [Damaged.]	28
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for intelligence. Expected to be able to come to London, but shall wait until after the court-martial, and do all he can to prevent the clandestine contrivances of the enemy.	29
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix.*	„	Has been prevented sailing to Ousley Bay by contrary winds, but will go with the Amity as far as the Humber, and endeavour to communicate with the rest. The wind is N.N.E.	30
„ 6	Anth. Porter, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Could not proceed to the Humber through the violence of the storms, and had to cut the cable and stand off to sea, but has anchored again, and will ply for the place assigned.	31
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make out a bill for 40*l.* to Capt. Jno. Browne, for extraordinaries while serving on board the Resolution and Swiftsure.	32
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained by the storm, and forced to cut the cable and go to sea, but left a slip buoy on the end of it, and wrote to the Mayor of Lynn to recover it. Will sail again the first opportunity.	33
„ „	Lieut.-Col. Fras. Kelsey.	—	List of 9 of his company who were at sea last summer, and are now in Dover Castle, with the dates of their entry and discharge, and the sum due to each. Total, 10*l.* 10*s.*	34
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wilson	—	Similar list of 10 soldiers. Total due, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* - - - - - - - - -	35
„ „	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Receipt for 30*l.*, Hen. Pordage's fine, for embezzling ammunition belonging to the State - -	36
„ „	Thos. Mathewes, *Redrith, Surrey.*	Adm. Com.	Petition to be gunner on the Satisfaction or Elias. Was master gunner in the Culpeper, in all the engagements with the Dutch, and has accounted with the Ordnance officers for the remains of his stores. With certificate by the Ordnance officers thereto.	37, 38
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com[rs]	Will get the stores required for the frigates building, as also the sails, if the ship with noyals arrives from St. Malo. Asks information as to the flags, chain pumps, anchors, and cables.	39
„ 7	Wm. Greaves -	„	Sends measurements, &c. of the Advice - - - - - - - - -	40
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, Thos. Adams, *Woodbridge.*	„	Want stores, especially cables, to get the ship out this tide. Beg an order to press a cable or two from colliers here; also a letter of credit for money.	41
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	42
„ „	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Hull.*	„	Received their orders for going with the Phœnix and Amity, but being very foul and short of provisions, was compelled to come in; hopes soon to sail and ply in the same station with the Assurance and Mermaid, after convoying the Hamburg ships into the river Elbe. Hopes they will excuse his having gone out to clear the coast, which was much troubled with pirates. Col. Salmon approved it. Took a ship of 6 guns.	43

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1654. Feb. 7	Capt. Lionel Lane -	Gen. Monk	Recommends Nathaniel Browne for employment; he served as lieutenant in the service against the Dutch, and behaved well, but has never been noticed.	44
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *The Weymouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been forced in with 30 sail by a storm. Convoyed three hoys from Newcastle for London, with 1,900 firkins of butter. The Phœnix has put to sea.	45
„ „	Wm. Lovell, Mayor of *Hastings.*	Capt. Fras. Park of the *President.*	Has not seen or heard of any Dutch men-of-war upon the coast; if there had been any as alleged, the fishermen who go out daily would have seen and reported them.	46
„ 8	Phin[eas Pett] -	—	Certificate that John Swann, shipwright, volunteered into the regiment of militia under Col. Twisleton in Kent, marched to Oxford for Worcester, and conducted himself well. [*Damaged.*]	47
„ „	Capt. Roger Jones, *Paradox, Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	The Paradox has been mended and tallowed and will have her provisions in 3 or 4 days when he will sail for Ireland. Had it not been for the beam the cables were bit to, her bones would have flown out, as they had 4 feet of water above the ballast when they came in.	48
„ 9	Lewis Walter -	„	Petition for employment as a clerk of the check; served in the Crow. With certificates of Thos. Wilson, Robt. Manley, Thos. Thompson, and 3 others, 9 Feb. and 17 Oct. 1654.	49–52
„ „	Capt. John Wettwang, *Sparrow, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Convoyed 50 colliers out of Tynemouth Haven to Yarmouth Roads, but two were put on shore by a small man-of-war, through not keeping together. Is staying for a light fleet of 50 sail out of Harwich and 30 out of Yarmouth, the Weymouth being with him. Desires an order to go to the Generals for his commission, or begs they will get it from Mr. Poortmans, and send it to Newcastle.	53
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Tilbury.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for an answer and satisfaction concerning the grand case of Protectorship. Begs intelligence from the fountain head.	54
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	No news but of the taking of ships coming from Newhaven, which, had the Amity been at Yarmouth, as first ordered, might have been saved; hopes some other will be appointed to attend the town, as it has lost 20 sail by the enemy this 2 months, of which 2 are his own. The Amity is in the road with two others, waiting for a wind. Sends a letter from Scotland respecting the insults received by the captain of the Duchess from the master and men, and hopes they will send him an order to engage other officers in Scotland, as he is an honest and godly man. The frigate will be launched in a fortnight.	55
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	To make out a bill for 381*l.* 5*s.* to Capt. Peter Whitty for his charges in taking up and bringing home 4 brass guns from Spain.	56
„ „	„ - -	„	To procure a lease of 1½ acres of ground adjoining the yard at Portsmouth, for making a rope-yard; also to provide a house for the master attendant, the charge not to exceed 100*l.*	57
„ „	Gens. Blake and Penn, *Swiftsure, Culver Cliffs.*	Adm. Com.	Will order the Hare pink into Portsmouth to victual. Are under sail with the main body of the fleet, and intend to ply in their former station.	58

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Feb. 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	To make out a bill for payment of 659*l.* to Thos. Jones for freight of the Anne and Joyce, according to the prayer of his petition.	Vol. 79. 59
" "	" - -	"	To contract for the Thomas and William as one of the 20 merchant ships to be taken up for the service.	60
" "	" - -	"	To make out a bill for 8*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* to Capt. Rob. Taylor, for boat hire and other charges as navy agent. With Taylor's account.	61, 62
" "	" - -	"	To deliver cables and anchors to the Plymouth frigate to enable her to ride to the Hope - -	63
" "	" - -	"	To write the Commissioners for Prize Goods to deliver up the Orange Tree to attend the Triumph in fetching water and other necessaries.	64
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Fox, Liverpool.*	Rob. Blackborne	Has had his ship on shore to stop leaks, and when victualled will sail for Dublin, according to the orders of the Lord General of Ireland and the Commissioners of Parliament there.	65
" "	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Hector.*	Adm. Com.	Has met with nothing but discouragements since he joined his ship, as she was leaky and a heavy sailer, and he was obliged to keep the pumps going night and day for three months. General Penn took 40 of his best men and put him to impress more, and then to ply between St. Albans and the Start; has now come in; the ship is much worn; begs a better one.	66
" 11	Capt. Jno. Lambert, *Lion, Lee Road.*	"	Has 112 men on board, and will sail with the first wind according to order - - -	67
" "	Jas. Gough - -	Mr. Hopkins.	Begs a certificate for the master of the Lubec ship that brought home his hemp - - -	68
" "	——	—	Particulars of the lading of 3 ships named - - - - - - - - -	69
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	[Adm. Com.]	Begs convoy for the vessel lying in the Thames laden with masts, &c. for the Dover frigate, which has been waiting 3 weeks to be launched for want of them; also an order to supply the Church prize with 8 more guns.	70
" 12	Major Rich. Elton, *Kingston - upon-Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the Commissioners' instructions for the Amity and Phœnix, which have come in, to Capt. Foster. The Assurance and Mermaid will not be ready to sail until the 14th.	71
" 13	Charles Taylor, *Bristol.*	Navy Com[rs]	Particulars of ships building by Mr. Bailey; wants shipwrights appointed to survey them -	72
" "	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Fortune, King Road.*	"	Has come out of Hong Road. Sends list of the men paid in part out of the 300*l.* received of Mr. Shewell. Gave a bill on the Navy Treasurer for the amount, and tickets to the men for the balance due. Hopes to sail with the convoys for Ireland to-morrow.	73
" "	" -	Adm. Com.	To like effect as part of the above - - - - - - - - -	74
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the examinations about Capt. Johnson, and will inquire into the matter. Will send to the Mayor of Lynn about the Amity's cable and anchors. There is much need of the Providence, Raven, and some small frigates, as there are 20 pirates between Yarmouth and Tynemouth, who do much damage. A vessel from Newcastle has arrived with 54 bushels of damaged hemp.	75

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1654. Feb. 14	Adm. Com. - -	NavyComrs	To make out a bill of imprest to Major Robt. Sedgwick, and Capt. John Leverett, for 200*l.* to defray contingent expenses for the service.	76
„ „	„ - -	„	To pay the company of the Horsleydown shallop in proportion to the rest of the fleet, and turn them over to the Andrew.	77
„ „	Martin Noell -	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Capt. Thos. Hale as lieutenant of the Victory - - - - -	78
„ „	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *The Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to his station as soon as the men and stores are on board. Account of ships there -	79
„ „	Jas. Clerk, *Boston* -	Thomas Smith, NavyComr.	Has shipped 254 coils of rope for the stores; the cordage made of Riga hemp will be ready at Lynn in 3 weeks.	80
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Dublin.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered the 40 chests of money to Lord General Fleetwood at Dublin Castle, and has been cruising on the Irish coast, there being some men-of-war who have taken one or two small ships bound for Ireland.	81
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, Humber.*	„	Has been cruising on the coast with the Amity, and has brought in a prize, which was much damaged in the engagement and had several killed and wounded. Will put to sea again with the Newcastle, Assurance, and Mermaid, and see the merchantmen out of danger, as the beating the [Dutch] fishers off the Dogger bank may send some of their men-of-war to sea.	82
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Sends a demand from the storekeeper for provisions. Has found the leak in the Resolution, occasioned by two rotten treenails.	83
„ „	„ -	„	As more timber will be required than he bought in Cobham Park, ordered Mr. Cooper, the purveyor, to view some at Rainham, and the Grange in Essex, belonging to Phineas Pett of Ratcliffe, and agreed with him for it at 3*l.* 3*s.* a load. Wants a bill for 300*l.* to carry on that service.	84
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Fox, Tranmere, Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has stopped the leak; is taking in victuals, and will sail the first wind. Capt. Jones has sailed. Hearing of rogues in the Channel, is desirous to be in action.	85
„ „	Thos. Fowler -	General Monck.	Asks him to move the Commissioners for an order for repairing 536 muskets now in Windsor -	86
„ „	Gens. Blake and Penn, *Swiftsure, Ellen's Road.*	Adm. Com.	Have not heard anything of the 4 Dutch men-of-war reported to have chased an English ship into Ryde Bay, but have taken 3 small vessels of which they enclose particulars. Have kept at sea until now, but were forced to send 7 or 8 ships in to wash and tallow; the want of a timely supply of victuals keeps them long in harbour. Recommend Capt. Jno. Jefferies of the Little Charity for the command of a fourth-rate frigate. With note of the prizes, and list of 21 vessels appointed to keep sea in the absence of the fleet.	87–89
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	„	Recommend payment of 16*l.* 14*s.*, being 10 groats a day each, to John Skinner and Rob. Seaman, surgeons of Harwich, from 7 Aug. to 26 Sept. last, for their pains.	90

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Feb. 15	Saml. Hentie, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an amended muster book, the former having errors, arising from his sickness - -	Vol. 79. 91
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Triumph, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken up the Hannah smack for fetching provisions and impressing men, and begs she may be contracted for, or paid for the time employed. Hopes to sail shortly.	92
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships. As there is only 3,500 men's victuals for 6 months in port, and the greater part of the fleet will suddenly want a recruit, desires a prompt supply.	93
„ „	Robert Rose -	„	Petition to be purser of the Victory. Has served 12 years, being 6 years at sea. Was in the George in the war with Portugal, then in the Reformation, and during the Dutch wars as steward in the Victory, in which he was dangerously wounded, but was dismissed on this last establishment of pursers. With certificates of Capt. Lionel Lane and Thos. Wilson of his services.	94–96
„ „	Shadrack Taylor -	„	Petition for recompense for his services as boatswain in the Sampson prize, having been acquitted at a council of war of the charge of embezzlement brought against him. With certificate by Dr. Robt. Bawne, and note by Jno. Bodkin that Capt. Plumby, commander of the Sampson, took certain goods out of the Salamander of Amsterdam.	97–99
„ „	Diana, wife of Bernard Hoddlesey.	„	Petition for an advance from her husband's wages to pay her rent, he having been at sea 12 months in the Signet frigate. With certificate by Geo. Firbanke that her husband has not been paid.	100
„ 16	Capt. Jno. Lambert, *Lion, Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends account by Rich. Pardey, steward's mate, of men who went in the pressing hoy, and of the victuals provided for them.	101
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Desires payment of a bill of exchange for 1,000*l.*, given to Jas. Johnson towards 60,000 lbs. of cordage, and wants the tar, guns, and ammunition. Will launch the two frigates in a week, but much will afterwards have to be done. Has recovered the anchor and cable lost by the Great Charity at Winterton Roads.	102
„ „	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	„	Asks that a steward and other officers may be sent down to the Wren pink, as she has lain so long without that the seamen are likely to leave for want of proper necessaries. Cannot deliver more victuals without a steward to attend to them.	103
„ „	Anth. Porter, clerk of the check, *Amity, Grimsby Road.*	„	While cruising with other ships between the Dogger Bank and the Riff, engaged with a Zealander, the Sandenbergh of Siracksea, for 7 hours before she would yield. Had one man killed and two wounded, and the Amity is much damaged. The Sandenbergh had 8 killed and 18 wounded and her fore topmast shot. Has brought the prize to anchor near Grimsby by order of Capt. Foster, and will ply for Yarmouth or Harwich to refit.	104
„ „	Capt. Pack, *Amity, Grimsby Road.*	Adm. Com.	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	105
„ „	James Brocke -	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks order to remove the lading of rosin and pitch on board the Peter at Limehouse, as it is dangerous to the ship and goods.	106

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Feb. 16	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Victuallers.	Asks an order for sending down the victuals for the Vanguard to Chatham - - -	107
„ „	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Asks them to hasten down the great anchors for the Victory, Rainbow, and Vanguard; encloses a bill of imprest signed by Comr. Pett for linen, &c. for the payhouse at Chatham Hill.	108
„ 17	Geo. Kendall, *Deptford.*	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Recommends Edmond Yong as clerk of the check in a merchant ship - - - -	109
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mill, *The Falmouth, Plymouth.*	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, Navy Comr.	Has come in to repair and victual, and will then follow the orders of the Commander-in-Chief -	110
„ „	Robert Collins -	Navy Com^rs	Petition for employment and arrears of pay. Served in the Constant Warwick, and lost his left arm in an engagement with the Dutch near Messina Road, and in coming home in the Henry Bonadventure, was taken prisoner and robbed of all he possessed. With certificate of Capt. Owen Cox and 8 others in his favour.	111, 112
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Providence, Deptford.*	„	Will sail with his convoy for Scotland with the first wind - - - - - -	113
„ „	Thomas Stanton, *Woodbridge.*	„	The frigates are rigged, and will fall down the river the next tide. Mr. Mundy has nearly completed his contract, but Mr. Carey scruples to do the same; will see they perform their contracts.	114
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Will hasten ships named to sea with all speed, but they want men; there is also a great want of stores, which he desires may be hastened down.	115
„ „	Gens. Blake and Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure, Stoakes Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Have had a survey of all the brass guns in the State's ships, but do not find any defective. Are in great want of men, as many desert for the merchant ships, which have general liberty to sail, and 3,000 able seamen have lately sailed from the western ports.	116
„ „	Capt. Rich. Pittock, *Swan, Grimsby Road.*	„	Saw the Hull fleet safe home, is waiting for 23 sail bound for London, and will then follow former orders. Arrival and departure of other ships.	117
„ „	Anth. Wells, *Hull* -	Navy Com^rs	There is a bill of exchange for 170*l.* payable to Henry Wagstaffe, which will settle the whole. Will be in London in 14 days with accounts.	118
„ „	Capt. Hen. Appleton	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners and Ordnance officers to hasten the passing of his accounts, and paying of his arrears for service in the Straits, as Capt. Badiley's have been passed, and he has been waiting 7 months. With reference to the Navy Commissioners to do as desired.	119
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To take security of the owners of the John Baptist that she shall not be employed in any service to the prejudice of the commonwealth, and allow her to proceed on her voyage.	120

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Feb. 17	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	To enter Thos. George surgeon on the Victory - - - - - - - -	121
„ „	„ -	„	To contract for canvas necessary for the Ordnance service - - - - -	122
„ „	Gens. Blake and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stoakes Bay.*	Generals of the Fleet, *Whitehall.*	Desire they will send down Mr. Arkinstall and as many men as he can procure, to take charge of the Sovereign, and attend to her victualling; also move the Admiralty Committee for a lower tier of ordnance for her.	123
„ 18	Capt. Robt. Fuller, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has come from Ireland by order of Lord Broghill and the Commissioners of Dublin, to replenish his stores, of which he encloses a list, as Major Hoddin, Governor of Kinsale, could not supply them. Was not properly furnished when he went out 12 months since, being suddenly called upon to engage the Dutch fleet.	124
„ „	George Roper -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of master gunner in the Elias. Has served 14 years and been 3 years gunner in the Little Charity, but the pay will not maintain his family. With certificate by Wm. Whitehorn and three others.	125, 126
„ „	Rich. Newberry, *Rochester.*	„	The Victory is out of dock, but there is still much work to be done, and only 20 men on board of her. Can join with Comr. Pett in recommending Ralph Chessell, gunner of the Entrance, as he was honest and courageous in the last engagements. Desires the appointment of a master and lieutenant, as they will be of great assistance.	127
„ „	Sam. Ingram, clerk of the check, *Stoakes Bay.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends muster book of the Little Charity; several men have run, to the great disabling of the ship	128
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has received the cables for the Sovereign from Mr. Pett, and will return him some oars and handspikes and some unserviceable anchors. Can buy some English tallow at 40*s.* per cwt. if any is needed at the Chatham stores.	129
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	All necessaries will be provided for the lesser frigate building by Mr. Bailey, which will be launched next month. Has contracted for the cordage at 44*s.* per cwt., which will be a great advantage to the State. Desires a letter to the aldermen to refund 14*l.*, the price received for an anchor sold, belonging to the State.	130
„ „	Wm. Barker, master, Chas. Matterse, check of the *Prosperous.*	—	List of 23 soldiers put on board the Prosperous on 12 Feb., and taken prisoners in the engagement with the Dutch on the 18th.	131
„ 19	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Will hasten to sea and put their order in execution at once. The Assurance and Mermaid will sail with the merchantmen for the Elbe; the Newcastle will join him to-morrow.	132
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne	Received and forwarded the letters for Capts. Holland, Cobham, and Foster, who are at Grimsby	133
„ „	Capt. Peter Foot, *Briar.*	Adm. Com.	Has brought a prize of 6 guns and 46 men into Tynemouth Haven, delivered her to the Collectors for Prize Goods, and sent the crew to the Mayor of Newcastle. Is going to sea, and will ply southward to protect the merchant ships trading on the coast.	134

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Feb. 20	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth,*	Navy Com^rs	Asks how many guns the Church and Monator are to carry. A Swede has come in with masts and deals. Wants a copy of the last contract for those commodities, to regulate his actions therein. The Sovereign is rigged, and will take in her beer to-morrow.	135
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has come in from the Hope with only 310 men, but hopes to procure more - - -	136
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Will sail with the first wind for Portsmouth - - - - -	137
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Repair of leaky ships. Has expended 130*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* therein, and having only received 80*l.*, has drawn a bill of exchange for the balance.	138
„ „	Vice-Adm. John Lawson, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Hears the conclusion of peace with the Dutch is very dubious, but would be glad of a line. Thanks for conveying his letters.	139
„ „	Rob. Fuller and Wm. Waller, surgeon, *Cignet, Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Ask an order to the Commissioners at Bristol to recruit the surgeon's chest, having been at sea 14 months, and had divers sick men on the Irish coast.	140
„ „	Wm. Johnson, *Newcastle.*	„	Asks for order as to the disposal of some hemp. A fleet of light ships is daily expected - -	141
„ „	Major John Wade, *Gloucester.*	Adm. Com.	Begs a speedy supply of money to carry on the furnace works in Dean Forest. Has been constrained to borrow to pay the workmen and keep the work on foot.	142
„ „	Edw. Annesley, *Armoury Office.*	„	Certifies that the whole charge of the Armoury Office was paid off to June 1644; that another account was taken from Aug. 1647 to Dec. 1651, amounting to 1,135*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*; and that a copy of such account was attached to his petition to the Protector, praying for payment of his own and others' arrears.	143
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Sends the examinations respecting Capt. Johnson's abuse of the messenger. Has sent to the Mayor of Lynn to recover the Amity's anchor and cable; those of the Great Charity, left in Winterton Roads, have been recovered, as also another that was embezzled out of a prize. Has received 54 more bundles of hemp from Newcastle, but it is damaged. As one of the frigates will be launched to-morrow and the other on Thursday, desires their guns and rigging may be hastened down.	144
„ „	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends account of powder and shot in the stores. Has treated with several persons about casting more shot, but they fear they shall not be able to perform their existing contracts for want of water; they could not cast more for less than 12*l.* a ton. The fleet is here and 10 ships in harbour, and are getting their stores on shore. Will go to Poole for the stores there.	145
„ „	Capt. Lionel Lane, *Hope.*	Gens. Monck and Desborough.	Will fall down to Lee Road and wait for orders. Asks an order to require 80 seamen and 40 watermen, sent down to him from Watermen's Hall, but taken by other ships.	146

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Feb. 20	Capts. Phil. Holland and Jas. Abelson, *Assurance, Grimsby Road.*	Adm. Com.	Sent the orders to Capts. Foster and Cobham, but were prevented from following their own through the want of sails and rigging, which are now on board, and the men employed upon them. Brought their convoy from Hull to the Humber, but were forced back to the river by contrary winds.	147
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To hire vessels to carry 150 soldiers from Tower Wharf to the Black Raven and other ships -	148
„ „	„ -	„	To order 6 months' provisions to be put on board the Tulip, in the Hope - - - -	149
„ „	„ -	„	To state the Navy Victuallers' account for harbour victuals issued up to Jan. last, and certify what remains due to them. With account showing that the provisions issued amounted to 30,382*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, and that the balance due thereon is 9,132*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*	150, 151
„ 21	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Fox, Liverpool Water.*	Adm.Com.	Has taken in victuals and is waiting for further orders - - - - - -	152
„ „	Charles Walley -	„	Received their warrant, and will send an express to Capt. Vessey of the Fox, to go to Beaumaris, to attend on Lord Henry Cromwell, who arrived at Chester to-day and intends going to Beaumaris to-morrow.	153
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, Tynemouth Bar.*	„	Has been ranging the coast, in company of the Newcastle, Assurance, and Mermaid, but saw nothing of the enemy, although reported off Tynemouth last Friday. Will ply again to the southward as soon as the storm abates, and then repair to Ellen's Road.	154
„ „	Capt. Phil Holland, *Assurance, Tynemouth Bar.*	„	Could not convoy the Hamburg ships, having most of his men at work on the sails and rigging, and was detained 3 weeks by contrary winds; but if necessaries had been ready to hand, might have sailed earlier.	155
„ „	Capt. Robert Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Newcastle.*	„	Has safely arrived with 60 light colliers. Captain Wetwang surprised a French sloop. The Phœnix, Newcastle, Assurance, and Mermaid have come in, and the fleet will be ready to sail in a week.	156
„ „	Gens. Blake and Penn, *Swiftsure, Stoakes Bay.*	Navy Com^rs	Having appointed Math. Linde surgeon of the Sovereign, one of the summer guard, have sent him up for his chest and medicaments, and desire that bills may be made out for his imprest and free gift, and the money paid to him.	157
„ „	Fras. Allen, *Southwark.*	„	Having drawn 50 men out of Col. Ingoldsby's regiment, and 100 out of Col. Pride's and Col. Goffe's for sea service, and appointed Capt. Wagstaff to conduct them, has sent Ensign Newland to know when the ships will be ready to receive them.	158
„ „	Austin Punnitt -	Peter Pett, Navy Comr.	Contract for hire of the Hannah smack, of Stroud, at 16*l.* a month, to attend the Triumph in her expedition.	159
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne	Delivered the dispatches of the Admiralty Commissioners to the several captains, and sends their receipts.	160
„ 22	Capt. Wm. Haddock, *Hannibal, Stokes Bay.*	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded.	Put Rich. Goodlad on shore at Gosport, and as he was very ill, was forced to procure lodgings and attendance; having disbursed 5*l.* 8*s.*, desires the amount may be paid to his son Capt. Rich. Haddock.	161

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1654. Feb. 22	Capt. Jno. Grove, *Marmaduke, Tilbury Hope.*	General Monck.	Has only 100 men on board, and they are very hard to be obtained. Has sent to the Navy Commissioners to impress 20 watermen, and hopes to be ready to sail next week.	Vol. 79. 162
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The repair of the Resolution progresses. The servants in the yard are anxiously waiting for an answer to their petition to his Highness and Council for relief, and himself and Mr. Adderley are compelled to sit patiently to listen to their complaints. Is sorry to see Mr. Roswell in the pulpit, and Mr. Adderley laid aside, as the latter is much beloved, and is a God fearing man; hopes there will be an early settlement of the matter.	163
„ „	Thos. Weston -	„	Petition to be cook in one of the frigates now building. Has served 12 years as seaman steward, but is growing old. Has wife and 7 children to maintain. With certificate by Capt. John Bourns and 4 others of his service as cook's mate in the Assistance, and engagement by Capt. Rich. Crow, that he shall faithfully discharge the office of steward in the Cat pink.	164–166
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Upon hearing the business of Mr. Downing, the smith, as to altering his books, order was given that no more bills should be made out to him for ironwork until the business was settled; but as there were then many made out which he now requires settled, and as iron has advanced in price, has sent him up to procure a settlement, and hopes to follow in a few days.	167
„ „	Gens. Blake and Penn, *Swiftsure.*	„	Send a petition of a person employed in the State's service against the master of a Virginiaman, and if the statements therein are found correct, hopes the petitioner will obtain satisfaction.	168
„ 23	Simon Arrowsmith, clerk of the check, *Taunton, Spithead.*	„	Sends two muster books with particulars, and desires orders thereon - - - -	169
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, near Whitby.*	Adm. Com.	Has ranged the coast without discovering any of the enemy; as their stations are at or near Tynemouth and Flamborough Head, and as there are 40 light colliers at Tynemouth Bar, has ordered the Newcastle and Assurance to ply between there and Whitby, and others between Whitby and the Spurm. Has taken a Dane called the Young Prince, and which had taken a small vessel of Yarmouth. Has left the prisoners and vessel at Whitby.	170
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires their acceptance of a bill for the board wages of the extra men fitting the Victory and Rainbow, also of another given to Mr. Hayward for linen, bedding, &c. Hears they stick at the charge. Finds upon near estimate that it will not be much less.	171
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	To ascertain what moneys have been laid out by Clement Halsie, gunner of the Black Raven, for the mortar pieces, &c., and make out a bill accordingly.	172

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Feb. 23	Navy Comrs. -	Adm.Com.	Ask them to raise a considerable sum forthwith, to pay the various merchants for goods delivered for ready money, otherwise they will not be able to supply the navy with necessaries.	173
„ „	Capt. Robert Fuller, *Bristol.*	General Geo. Monck.	Thanks for his letter received from the Mayor concerning the master who was sent to prison. Asks for a commission in one of the frigates building at Bristol, his ship being small, and he having already served the commonwealth.	174
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm.Com.	The two frigates are well launched and are waiting for their masts. The Amity has come in, having lost her mainmast in a fight with a Dutch man-of-war of 20 guns, which she took, and has sent to Harwich.	175
„ „	Owners of the *Eagle*	„	Petition for compensation for the damage done to their ship while in the service of the State, she having had her masts and sails shot away, and her anchors and cables lost in a storm. Will have to expend 1,000*l.* to put her into repair. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.	176
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To make out a bill for 10*l.* to Humphrey Polgreen, carpenter of the Sampson, for his loss by the taking of the ship by the Dutch in the Straits.	177
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Recommend Geo. Clarke, master of the Portland, for command of one of the frigates now building	178
„ „	Capt. Rob. Fuller, *Cignet, Bristol.*	„	Has come in from Ireland, by order of Lord Broghill, to refit; begs an order for the boatswain and gunners' stores required, that he may return to the Irish coast.	179
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To give a warrant for putting 20 or 30 tons of broken ordnance on board the Vanguard as ballast, on advice in a letter from Capt. Taylor.	180
„ „	Thos.Blount, *Writtlemarsh.*	„	Asks that Stephen Pate, who has been impressed into the Bridgewater, may be discharged, he having served under Capt. Seaman, and suffered great losses by the enemy. He married a faithful nurse who was 18 years in Blount's service, and brought up many of his children.	181
„ 24	Isaiah Thomas -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of surgeon in the Cat, having served in Col. Richard's regiment in Ireland, and on board several ships. With certificate of Wm. Greene and 3 others in his favour.	182–5
„ „	Capts.Thos. Adames and Philip Gethings, *Woodbridge.*	Navy Com^rs	Have got the frigates out of the dock into the Channel, but want men; desire them to stop the sailing of the Ipswich and Harwich ships going to Newcastle, that they may obtain some, having only about 70 apiece in pay. As many have run to serve in the colliers, have desired all masters of ships, by beat of drum, not to take them, and posted their names in the market place.	186
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Desire a letter to the bailiffs to apprehend the men who have run - -	187
„ „	Prize Comrs. -	Navy Com^rs	Having lost the warrant on the Navy Treasurer for 1,371*l.*, the amount of the appraisement of the Hope of Dantzic, delivered for the use of the State, desire they will draw another.	188
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Kingston - upon-Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the letters of the Navy Commissioners to Captains Cobham, Foster, and Holland, and returned their answers, but could not deliver that to Capt. Pack, as he had sailed for the Humber with the merchant ships, and was then going to Harwich to recruit. The Brier has come in to tallow and victual. The Hamburg merchants desire a convoy for their ships.	189
„ „	Rich. Tyler -	Navy Com^rs	Mr. Jerick's noyals canvas is very good and fit for the service - - - - -	190
„ 25	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Portsmouth.*	Comr. Bourne.	Could not write on account of his own and his wife's illness. Shall be glad when his brother Earning comes to the fleet; he will be very welcome and respected. His brother Bourne is at sea.	191

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Feb. 25	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *Newcastle, Bridlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Having cleaned and victualled, has been ranging the coast with the Phœnix, Assurance, and Mermaid, and convoyed 20 laden colliers to Whitby. The Mermaid took a private man-of-war. Will now go to Tynemouth and bring away the laden colliers, and then attend orders.	192
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Received an order from the Admiralty Committee for Capt. Fuller to convoy the ships at Plymouth bound for London, which he will do. The Fortune had sailed from King's Road, so could do nothing about her; she was very badly fitted out. The lesser frigate being nearly ready for launching, desires a boatswain may be appointed to superintend the fitting out.	193
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Capt. Sparkes of the *Benjamin.*	To sail to the Thames, and give notice of his arrival to the Admiralty Committee - -	194
„ „	Capt. Rob. Fuller, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their orders as soon as the ship is tallowed, and wind and weather permit - -	195
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Harwich water.*	„	Delivered the prize he took to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods at Hull, and has come in by order of Major Burton to refit. Did his best to recover his anchor and cable left near the Spurm. Lost his boat, and desires another which will answer the purpose of a long boat and pinnace.	196
„ „	Wm. Dolman and 6 other foremen, *London* ropemakers.	—	Certificate that their employers pay from 12*s.* to 13*s.* a week to their men "who make what work they can or will." Given at request of the workmen of Chatham and Woolwich dockyards.	197
„ 27	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends account of the former steward of the Saphire, now under arrest; was obliged to allow the present steward for his deficiencies 19*l.* 4*s.*; hopes it will be recovered. The Sovereign is bound out, and as Mr. Beale has the books, cannot ascertain what stores she has or needs. Wants canvas, masts, and other necessaries, as a great fleet will be depending upon him, and it will be too hard a task "to make brick without straw." The Dover ought to be surveyed, as the work being done by Mr. Castle is defective.	198
„ „	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of the great frigate building by Mr. Bailey, which will be ready to launch by the end of March.	199
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster, *Phœnix, near Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has been cruising with the Newcastle, Assurance, and Mermaid, and taken a private man-of-war of 2 guns and 32 men, which has been left with the Prize Commissioners at Whitby. Many small vessels have been lost on the coast through the storm, as also many anchors and cables.	200
„ „	Asa Benwood, *Scarborough.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the Navy Commissioners' letters to the captain of the Phœnix for himself, and for the captains of the Mermaid, Assurance, and Newcastle.	201
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Delivered the Zealander he took to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods at Hull, and then sailed for Yarmouth Roads, where he was ordered by Major Burton to proceed to Harwich to refit, and to apply to them for masts and a boat, and also for a survey of the beef and pork on board, which is so bad the men cannot eat it; the remaining provisions are very indifferent. Sends an account of stores required.	202

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Feb. 27	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Christ. Harker for the place of steward in the Winsby - - - - -	203
„ „	Capt. Thos. Johnson, jun., *Yarmouth.*	„	Asks their influence in getting a decision in the Admiralty Court that his vessel, the Hare pink, may be restored to him. Was much prejudiced through Mr. Symball charging him with slighting the Commissioners' warrant, and abusing him, for which he was committed to the custody of the Marshal until he found security, but his innocence was established by the examinations taken and sent up by Major Burton.	204
„ „	John Poortmans, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Has been acting as clerk to the Generals until they could be better provided, so that his work has been great. Is glad the Commissioners are coming down, as it will expedite business. A rich prize has been taken and brought in, but two Englishmen were killed. Remembrance to his brother Creed.	205
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Adderley and Roswell, the preachers, will observe their orders; many are very sensible of their care and tenderness towards those in this place, and in pitching on these 2 persons to carry on the work of God.	206
„ „	Admiralty Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To grant a bill to Lieut.-Col. White for 59*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, disbursed amongst 50 soldiers of Col. Goffe's regiment, who were sent on board the Hope, to be deducted when they are paid off.	207
„ „	„ -	„	To order a survey of the Tulip as to her fitness to be continued in the service - - - -	208
„ 28	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	„	Has ordered Mr. Purser, the pump-maker, to make chain pumps for the frigates at Yarmouth; is going to Woolwich to see if any are wanted there.	209
„ „	Capt. Giles Heather, *Princess Maria, Stoakes Bay.*	„	Sends the muster books and copies for the Treasurer and Commissioners for Sick and Wounded. Took a Flemish boy of Amsterdam, and sent her to Portsmouth. Most of the fleet are here.	210
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Kingston - upon - Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne	Delivery of letters. The Hamburg merchants much desire a convoy for their ships, or their goods will be spoiled, which will entail great loss.	211
„ „	Capt. Eli Drew and the officers of the *Lucy.*	—	Certificate of the time occupied in tallowing, refitting, and victualling their ship at Portsmouth; made various attempts to sail, but were put back by storms.	212
„ „	Capt. Peter Foote, *Brier, Hull Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has tallowed and victualled, and when the guns are shipped, will convoy some ships bound for London.	213
„ „	Capts. Thos. Adames and Phil. Gethings, *Woodbridge*	„	Desire proceedings against Benj. Hornigal of Ipswich, for taking away their men to serve on the colliers to Newcastle.	214
„ „	Capt. Abra. Pearce, *Essex.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the muster book. Has come in to clean and revictual - - - - -	215
„ „	John Raynes, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires him to obtain a gratuity for Katherine Pearce and Martha Foot, widows, both recommended by the Committee for Sick and Wounded.	216

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,, ,,	,, -		To provide and send down an anchor of 60 or 64 cwt. to Portsmouth, for the use of the Sovereign.	218
,, ,,	Commissioners for Sick and Wounded.	Adm. Com.	There should be 18*l.* allowed to Wm. Philips, on certificate of Commissioner Willoughby, viz., for medicines for the patients, 12*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* and 5*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* for his pains.	219
Feb.	Capt. Ja. Pearse and 10 others.	—	Certificate that Capt. Jno. Taylor, of Topsham, is fit for the command of a ship, having done good service to the State.	220
,,	———	—	List of persons recommended for employment, 4 boatswains, 7 carpenters, 11 gunners, &c. -	221
,,	Anth. Richardson -	Adm. Com.	Petition for satisfaction for the loss of his clothes, books, and instruments, by the sinking of the Sampson, wherein he was master's mate, in the engagement off Portland, on 18 Feb. 1653. Afterwards served in the Waterhound, under Capt. Shelley, and was at the taking of the great Hamburgher, and was since master in the Loyalty and Triumph; with certificates of Capt. Jno. Limbery and 4 others in his favour.	222–224
Feb.?	Jonas Shish and 2 others.	[Navy Comrs.].	Terms of purchase of timber offered by Mr. Waite to be brought to Deptford - - -	225
,,	Capt. Rob. Garrell and 3 others, *Seraphine of Barnstaple, 25 leagues from Scilly.*	Adm. Com.	Their 4 vessels, 3 of Barnstaple and 1 of Ayr in Scotland, laden with herrings and coal, bound for Rochelle, was chased by Capt. Rob. Mill of the Falmouth, and 4 men-of-war of Brest, of which Beach was one. Capt. Mill gallantly engaged the Brest ships for 6 hours, and put them to flight.	226
,,	,, ,, -	Gens. Monk and Penn.	Copy of the above - - - - - - - - - - -	227
,,	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Fairfax, Tilbury Hope.*	Rob. Blackborne.	Can scarce muster 70 men, most of them officers and their servants, but will take in provisions; has no hoy to press men. Begs able watermen that he may sail for Plymouth, where lies his hope for men.	228
,,	Isaac Ewell and Jno. Chapman.	Navy Com^{rs}	Estimate for building two houses, 2½ stories high, 37 feet by 18. Total, 254*l.* 3*s.* - -	229
,,	John Browne -	—	Account of the number of cables and hawsers of sizes mentioned made and housed daily in Chatham ropeyard.	230
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Dec. 29. Council to the Drury House Trustees. You are to ascertain the accounts of your surveyors, clerks, &c., and distribute 1,000*l.* among them, proportionably, issuing warrants to Goldsmiths' Hall Trustees to pay the respective sums. You are also to ascertain what is further due to them for their services, and report to Council. [105, *p.* 2.]

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THE CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

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On 25 July 1822, the House of Commons presented an address to the Crown, stating that the editions of the works of our ancient historians were inconvenient and defective; that many of their writings still remained in manuscript, and, in some cases, in a single copy only. They added, "that an "uniform and convenient edition of the whole, published under His Majesty's "royal sanction, would be an undertaking honourable to His Majesty's reign, "and conducive to the advancement of historical and constitutional know- "ledge; that the House therefore humbly besought His Majesty, that He "would be graciously pleased to give such directions as His Majesty, in His "wisdom, might think fit, for the publication of a complete edition of the "ancient historians of this realm, and assured His Majesty that whatever "expense might be necessary for this purpose would be made good."

The Master of the Rolls, being very desirous that effect should be given to the resolution of the House of Commons, submitted to Her Majesty's Treasury in 1857 a plan for the publication of the ancient chronicles and memorials of the United Kingdom, and it was adopted accordingly. In selecting these works, it was considered right, in the first instance, to give preference to those of which the manuscripts were unique, or the materials of which would help to fill up blanks in English history for which no satisfactory and authentic information hitherto existed in any accessible form. One great object the Master of the Rolls had in view was to form a *corpus historicum* within reasonable limits, and which should be as complete as possible. In a subject of so vast a range, it was important that the historical student should be able to select such volumes as conformed with his own peculiar tastes and studies, and not be put to the expense of purchasing the whole collection; an inconvenience inseparable from any other plan than that which has been in this instance adopted.

Of the Chronicles and Memorials, the following volumes have been published. They embrace the period from the earliest time of British history down to the end of the reign of Henry VII.

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1. THE CHRONICLE OF ENGLAND, by JOHN CAPGRAVE. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

Capgrave was prior of Lynn, in Norfolk, and provincial of the order of the Friars Hermits of England shortly before the year 1464. His Chronicle extends from the creation of the world to the year 1417. As a record of the language spoken in Norfolk (being written in English), it is of considerable value.

2. CHRONICON MONASTERII DE ABINGDON. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1858.

This Chronicle traces the history of the great Benedictine monastery of Abingdon in Berkshire, from its foundation by King Ina of Wessex, to the reign of Richard I., shortly after which period the present narrative was drawn up by an inmate of the establishment. The author had access to the title-deeds of the house ; and incorporates into his history various charters of the Saxon kings, of great importance as illustrating not only the history of the locality but that of the kingdom. The work is printed for the first time.

3. LIVES OF EDWARD THE CONFESSOR. I.—La Estoire de Seint Aedward le Rei. II.—Vita Beati Edvardi Regis et Confessoris. III.—Vita Æduuardi Regis qui apud Westmonasterium requiescit. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1858.

The first is a poem in Norman French, containing 4,686 lines, addressed to Alianor, Queen of Henry III., and probably written in the year 1245, on the occasion of the restoration of the church of Westminster. Nothing is known of the author. The second is an anonymous poem, containing 536 lines, written between the years 1440 and 1450, by command of Henry VI., to whom it is dedicated. It does not throw any new light on the reign of Edward the Confessor, but is valuable as a specimen of the Latin poetry of the time. The third, also by an anonymous author, was apparently written for Queen Edith, between the years 1066 and 1074, during the pressure of the suffering brought on the Saxons by the Norman conquest. It notices many facts not found in other writers, and some which differ considerably from the usual accounts.

4. MONUMENTA FRANCISCANA ; scilicet, I.—Thomas de Eccleston de Adventu Fratrum Minorum in Angliam. II.—Adæ de Marisco Epistolæ. III.—Registrum Fratrum Minorum Londoniæ. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1858.

This volume contains original materials for the history of the settlement of the order of Saint Francis in England, the letters of Adam de Marisco, and other papers connected with the foundation and diffusion of this great body. It has been the aim of the editor to collect whatever historical information could be found in this country, towards illustrating a period of the national history for which only scanty materials exist. None of these have been before printed.

5. FASCICULI ZIZANIORUM MAGISTRI JOHANNIS WYCLIF CUM TRITICO. Ascribed to THOMAS NETTER, of WALDEN, Provincial of the Carmelite Order in England, and Confessor to King Henry the Fifth. *Edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, M.A., Tutor and late Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. 1858.

This work derives its principal value from being the only contemporaneous account of the rise of the Lollards. When written the disputes of the school-

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men had been extended to the field of theology, and they appear both in the writings of Wycliff and in those of his adversaries. Wycliff's little bundles of tares are not less metaphysical than theological, and the conflict between Nominalists and Realists rages side by side with the conflict between the different interpreters of Scripture. The work gives a good idea of the controversies at the end of the 14th and the beginning of the 15th centuries.

6. THE BUIK OF THE CRONICLIS OF SCOTLAND ; or, A Metrical Version of the History of Hector Boece ; by WILLIAM STEWART. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. B. TURNBULL, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. 1858.

This is a metrical translation of a Latin Prose Chronicle, and was written in the first half of the 16th century. The narrative begins with the earliest legends, and ends with the death of James I. of Scotland, and the "evil ending of the traitors that slew him." Strict accuracy of statement is not to be looked for in such a work as this ; but the stories of the colonization of Spain, Ireland, and Scotland are interesting if not true ; and the chronicle is valuable as a reflection of the manners, sentiments, and character of the age in which it was composed. The peculiarities of the Scottish dialect are well illustrated in this metrical version, and the student of language will find ample materials for comparison with the English dialects of the same period, and with modern lowland Scotch.

7. JOHANNIS CAPGRAVE LIBER DE ILLUSTRIBUS HENRICIS. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

This work is dedicated to Henry VI. of England, who appears to have been, in the author's estimation, the greatest of all the Henries. It is divided into three distinct parts, each having its own separate dedication. The first part relates only to the history of the Empire, and extends from the election of Henry I., the Fowler, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Henry VI. The second part is devoted to English history, and extends from the accession of Henry I. in the year 1100, to the year 1446, which was the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry VI. The third part contains the lives of illustrious men who have borne the name of Henry in various parts of the world.

Capgrave was born in 1393, in the reign of Richard II., and lived during the Wars of the Roses, for the history of which period his work is of some value.

8. HISTORIA MONASTERII S. AUGUSTINI CANTUARIENSIS, by THOMAS OF ELMHAM, formerly Monk and Treasurer of that Foundation. *Edited by* CHARLES HARDWICK, M.A., Fellow of St. Catharine's Hall, and Christian Advocate in the University of Cambridge. 1858.

This history extends from the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent until 1191. Prefixed is a chronology as far as 1418, which shows in outline what was to have been the character of the work when completed. The only copy known is in the possession of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The author was connected with Norfolk, and most probably with Elmham, whence he derived his name.

9. EULOGIUM (HISTORIARUM SIVE TEMPORIS) : Chronicon ab Orbe condito usque ad Annum Domini 1366 ; a Monacho quodam Malmesbiriensi exaratum. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* F. S. HAYDON, Esq., B.A. 1858–1863.

This is a Latin Chronicle extending from the Creation to the latter part of the reign of Edward III., and written by a monk of the Abbey of Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, about the year 1367. A continuation, carrying the history of England down to the year 1413, was added in the former half of the fifteenth century by an author whose name is not known. The original Chronicle is divided into five books, and contains a history of the world generally, but more especially

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of England to the year 1366. The continuation extends the history down to the coronation of Henry V. The Eulogium itself is chiefly valuable as containing a history, by a contemporary, of the period between 1356 and 1366. The notices of events appear to have been written very soon after their occurrence. Among other interesting matter, the Chronicle contains a diary of the Poitiers campaign, evidently furnished by some person who accompanied the army of the Black Prince. The continuation of the Chronicle is also the work of a contemporary, and gives a very interesting account of the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV. It is believed to be the earliest authority for the statement that the latter monarch died in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster.

10. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE SEVENTH: Bernardi Andreæ Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1858.

The contents of this volume are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies on which he was sent by Henry VII. to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in the year 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Other documents of interest in connexion with the period are given in an appendix.

11. MEMORIALS OF HENRY THE FIFTH. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. *Edited by* CHARLES A. COLE, Esq. 1858.

This volume contains three treatises which more or less illustrate the history of the reign of Henry V., viz.: A Life by Robert Redman; a Metrical Chronicle by Thomas Elmham, prior of Lenton, a contemporary author; Versus Rhythmici written apparently by a monk of Westminster Abbey, who was also a contemporary of Henry V. These works are printed for the first time.

12. MUNIMENTA GILDHALLÆ LONDONIENSIS; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III. Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The manuscript of the *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, a large folio volume, is preserved in the Record Room of the City of London. It gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and early part of the fifteenth centuries.

The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled probably by various hands in the early part of the fourteenth century during the reign of Edward II. The manuscript, a folio volume, is also preserved in the Record Room of the City of London, though some portion in its original state, borrowed from the City in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and never returned, forms part of the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II. in the British Museum. It also gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the twelfth, thirteenth, and early part of the fourteenth centuries.

13. CHRONICA JOHANNIS DE OXENEDES. *Edited by* Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in England in the year 449, yet it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and

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comes down to the year 1292, where it ends abruptly. The history is particularly valuable for notices of events in the eastern portions of the kingdom, which are not to be elsewhere obtained, and some curious facts are mentioned relative to the floods in that part of England, which are confirmed in the Friesland Chronicle of Anthony Heinrich, pastor of the Island of Mohr.

14. A COLLECTION OF POLITICAL POEMS AND SONGS RELATING TO ENGLISH HISTORY, FROM THE ACCESSION OF EDWARD III. TO THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1859–1861.

These Poems are perhaps the most interesting of all the historical writings of the period, though they cannot be relied on for accuracy of statement. They are various in character; some are upon religious subjects, some may be called satires, and some give no more than a court scandal; but as a whole they present a very fair picture of society, and of the relations of the different classes to one another. The period comprised is in itself interesting, and brings us, through the decline of the feudal system, to the beginning of our modern history. The songs in old English are of considerable value to the philologist.

15. The "OPUS TERTIUM," "OPUS MINUS," &c., of ROGER BACON. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

This is the celebrated treatise—never before printed—so frequently referred to by the great philosopher in his works. It contains the fullest details we possess of the life and labours of Roger Bacon: also a fragment by the same author, supposed to be unique, the "*Compendium Studii Theologiæ.*"

16. BARTHOLOMÆI DE COTTON, MONACHI NORWICENSIS, HISTORIA ANGLICANA; 449–1298: necnon ejusdem Liber de Archiepiscopis et Episcopis Angliæ. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1859.

The author, a monk of Norwich, has here given us a Chronicle of England from the arrival of the Saxons in 449 to the year 1298, in or about which year it appears that he died. The latter portion of this history (the whole of the reign of Edward I. more especially) is of great value, as the writer was contemporary with the events which he records. An Appendix contains several illustrative documents connected with the previous narrative.

17. BRUT Y TYWYSOGION; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales. *Edited by* the Rev. JOHN WILLIAMS AB ITHEL, M.A. 1860.

This work, also known as "The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales," has been attributed to Caradoc of Llancarvan, who flourished about the middle of the twelfth century. It is written in the ancient Welsh language, begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. A COLLECTION OF ROYAL AND HISTORICAL LETTERS DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY IV. 1399–1404. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

This volume, like all the others in the series containing a miscellaneous selection of letters, is valuable on account of the light it throws upon biographical history, and the familiar view it presents of characters, manners, and events. The period requires much elucidation; to which it will materially contribute.

19. THE REPRESSOR OF OVER MUCH BLAMING OF THE CLERGY. By REGINALD PECOCK, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature can boast. The author was born

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about the end of the fourteenth century, consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. While Bishop of St. Asaph, he zealously defended his brother prelates from the attacks of those who censured the bishops for their neglect of duty. He maintained that it was no part of a bishop's functions to appear in the pulpit, and that his time might be more profitably spent, and his dignity better maintained, in the performance of works of a higher character. Among those who thought differently were the Lollards, and against their general doctrines the "Repressor" is directed. Pecock took up a position midway between that of the Roman Church and that of the modern Anglican Church; but his work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards and of the arguments by which they were supported, and because it assists us to ascertain the state of feeling which ultimately led to the Reformation. Apart from religious matters, the light thrown upon contemporaneous history is very small, but the "Repressor" has great value for the philologist, as it tells us what were the characteristics of the language in use among the cultivated Englishmen of the fifteenth century. Pecock, though an opponent of the Lollards, showed a certain spirit of toleration, for which he received, towards the end of his life, the usual mediæval reward—persecution.

20. ANNALES CAMBRIÆ. *Edited by* the Rev. JOHN WILLIAMS AB ITHEL, M.A. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commence in the year 447, and come down to the year 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle, which was also used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain, the earliest direct concurrence with English history is relative to the mission of Augustine. Its notices throughout, though brief, are valuable. The annals were probably written at St. Davids, by Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, the most learned man in his day in all Cymru.

21. THE WORKS OF GIRALDUS CAMBRENSIS. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V., VI., and VII. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES F. DIMOCK, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1861–1877.

These volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, and attempted to re-establish the independence of Wales by restoring the see of St. Davids to its ancient primacy. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable chiefly for the racy and original anecdotes which they contain relating to contemporaries. He is the only Welsh writer of any importance who has contributed so much to the mediæval literature of this country, or assumed, in consequence of his nationality, so free and independent a tone. His frequent travels in Italy, in France, in Ireland, and in Wales, gave him opportunities for observation which did not generally fall to the lot of mediæval writers in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and of these observations Giraldus has made due use. Only extracts from these treatises have been printed before, and almost all of them are taken from unique manuscripts.

The Topographia Hibernica (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland. The first in the year 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. Curious as this treatise is, Mr. Dimock is of opinion that it ought not to be accepted as sober truthful history, for Giraldus himself states that truth was not his main object, and that he compiled the work for the purpose of sounding the praises of Henry the Second. Elsewhere, however, he declares that he had stated nothing in the Topographia of the truth of which he was not well assured, either by his own eyesight or by the testimony, with all diligence elicited, of the most trustworthy and authentic men in the country; that though he did not put just the same full faith in their reports as in what he had himself seen, yet, as they only related what they had themselves seen, he could not but believe such credible witnesses. A very interesting portion of this treatise is devoted to the animals of Ireland. It shows that he was a very accurate and acute observer, and his descriptions are given in a way that a scientific naturalist of the present day could hardly improve upon. The Expugnatio Hibernica was written about the year 1188 and may be regarded rather

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as a great epic than a sober relation of acts occurring in his own days. No one can peruse it without coming to the conclusion that it is rather a poetical fiction than a prosaic truthful history.

Vol. VI. contains the Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ: and Vol. VII., the lives of S. Remigius and S. Hugh.

22. LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE WARS OF THE ENGLISH IN FRANCE DURING THE REIGN OF HENRY THE SIXTH, KING OF ENGLAND. Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861–1864.

The letters and papers contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from originals or contemporary copies extant in the Bibliothèque Impériale, and the Depôt des Archives, in Paris. They illustrate the line of policy adopted by John Duke of Bedford and his successors during their government of Normandy, and such other provinces of France as had been acquired by Henry V. We may here trace, step by step, the gradual declension of the English power, until we are prepared to read of its final overthrow.

23. THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE, ACCORDING TO THE SEVERAL ORIGINAL AUTHORITIES. Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* BENJAMIN THORPE, Esq., Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

This Chronicle, extending from the earliest history of Britain to the year 1154, is justly the boast of England; for no other nation can produce any history, written in its own vernacular, at all approaching it, either in antiquity, truthfulness, or extent, the historical books of the Bible alone excepted. There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography, whether arising from locality or age.

24. LETTERS AND PAPERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGNS OF RICHARD III. AND HENRY VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. 1861–1863.

The Papers are derived from MSS. in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and other repositories. The period to which they refer is unusually destitute of chronicles and other sources of historical information, so that the light obtained from these documents is of special importance. The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III.; correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. LETTERS OF BISHOP GROSSETESTE, illustrative of the Social Condition of his Time. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The Letters of Robert Grosseteste (131 in number) are here collected from various sources, and a large portion of them is printed for the first time. They range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II.; 1066–1200. Vol. III.; 1200–1327. *By* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1862–1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not

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under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. This arrangement has two advantages; the materials for any given period may be seen at a glance; and if the reader knows the time when an author wrote, and the number of years that had elapsed between the date of the events and the time the writer flourished, he will generally be enabled to form a fair estimate of the comparative value of the narrative itself. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which the original portions are distinguished from those which are mere compilations. When possible, the sources are indicated from which such compilations have been derived. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice has also been given of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. ROYAL AND OTHER HISTORICAL LETTERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGN OF HENRY III. Vol. I., 1216–1235. Vol. II., 1236–1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, D.D., Regius Professor in Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862–1866.

The letters contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from the ancient correspondence formerly in the Tower of London, and now in the Public Record Office. They illustrate the political history of England during the growth of its liberties, and throw considerable light upon the personal history of Simon de Montfort. The affairs of France form the subject of many of them, especially in regard to the province of Gascony. The entire collection consists of nearly 700 documents, the greater portion of which is printed for the first time.

28. CHRONICA MONASTERII S. ALBANI.—1. THOMÆ WALSINGHAM HISTORIA ANGLICANA; Vol. I., 1272–1381: Vol. II., 1381–1422. 2. WILLELMI RISHANGER CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259–1307. 3. JOHANNIS DE TROKELOWE ET HENRICI DE BLANEFORDE CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259–1296; 1307–1324; 1392–1406. 4. GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, A THOMA WALSINGHAM, REGNANTE RICARDO SECUNDO, EJUSDEM ECCLESIÆ PRÆCENTORE, COMPILATA; Vol. I., 793–1290: Vol. II., 1290–1349: Vol. III., 1349–1411. 5. JOHANNIS AMUNDESHAM, MONACHI MONASTERII S. ALBANI, UT VIDETUR, ANNALES; Vols. I. and II. 6. REGISTRA QUORUNDAM ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, QUI SÆCULO XV^mo^ FLORUERE; Vol. I., REGISTRUM ABBATIÆ JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, ITERUM SUSCEPTÆ; ROBERTO BLAKENEY, CAPELLANO, QUONDAM ADSCRIPTUM: Vol. II., REGISTRA JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, WILLELMI ALBON, ET WILLELMI WALINGFORDE, ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, CUM APPENDICE, CONTINENTE QUASDAM EPISTOLAS, A JOHANNE WHETHAMSTEDE CONSCRIPTAS. 7. YPODIGMA NEUSTRIÆ, A THOMA WALSINGHAM, QUONDAM MONACHO MONASTERII S. ALBANI, CONSCRIPTUM. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Cambridge and Oxford; and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1876.

In the first two volumes is a History of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans, from MS. VII. in the Arundel Collection in the College of Arms, London, a manuscript of the fifteenth century, collated with MS. 13 E. IX. in the King's Library in the British Museum, and MS. VII. in the Parker Collection of Manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the third volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, who lived in the reign of Edward I., from the Cotton. MS. Faustina B. IX. in the British Museum, collated with MS. 14 C. VII. (fols. 219–231) in the King's Library, British Museum, and the Cotton MS. Claudius E. III., fols. 306–331: an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol, 1291–1292, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., also attributed to William Rishanger, but on no sufficient ground: a short Chronicle of English History, 1292 to 1300,

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by an unknown hand, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: a short Chronicle, Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi, Regis Angliæ, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library, and MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., with Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: and fragments of three Chronicles of English History, 1285 to 1307.

In the fourth volume is a Chronicle of English History, 1259 to 1296, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe, a monk of St. Albans, and a continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henry de Blaneforde, both from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: a full Chronicle of English History, 1392 to 1406, from MS. VII. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; and an account of the Benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the fifteenth century, from MS. VI. in the same Library.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham, from MS. Cotton. Claudius E. IV., in the British Museum: with a Continuation, from the closing pages of Parker MS. VII., in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

The eighth and ninth volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The tenth and eleventh volumes relate especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbots Whethamstede, Albon, and Wallingford, and may be considered as a memorial of the chief historical and domestic events during those periods.

The twelfth volume contains a compendious History of England to the reign of Henry V., and of Normandy in early times, also by Thomas Walsingham, and dedicated to Henry V. The compiler has often substituted other authorities in place of those consulted in the preparation of his larger work.

29. Chronicon Abbatiæ Eveshamensis, Auctoribus Dominico Priore Eveshamiæ et Thoma de Marleberge Abbate, a Fundatione ad Annum 1213, una cum Continuatione ad Annum 1418. *Edited by* the Rev. W. D. Macray, M.A., Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from its foundation by Egwin, about 690, to the year 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey, such as but rarely has been recorded. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history which will be read with much interest. This work exists in a single MS., and is for the first time printed.

30. Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ. Vol. I., 447–871. Vol. II., 872–1066. *Edited by* John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863–1869.

The compiler, Richard of Cirencester, was a monk of Westminster, 1355–1400. In 1391 he obtained a licence to make a pilgrimage to Rome. His history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. He announces his intention of continuing it, but there is no evidence that he completed any more. This chronicle gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book iii. c. 3. It was on this author that C. J. Bertram fathered his forgery, *De Situ Brittaniæ*, in 1747.

31. Year Books of the Reign of Edward the First. Years 20–21, 21–22, 30–31, 32–33, and 33–35. *Edited and translated by* Alfred John Horwood, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1879.

The volumes known as the "Year Books" contain reports in Norman-French of cases argued and decided in the Courts of Common Law. They may be considered to a great extent as the "lex non scripta" of England, and have been held in the highest veneration by the ancient sages of the law, and were received by them as the repositories of the first recorded judgments and dicta of the great legal luminaries of past ages. They are also worthy of the attention of the general reader on account of the historical information and the notices of public and private persons which they contain, as well as the light which they throw on ancient manners and customs.

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32. NARRATIVES OF THE EXPULSION OF THE ENGLISH FROM NORMANDY, 1449–1450.—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conferences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited, from MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham. 1863.

This volume contains the narrative of an eye-witness who details with considerable power and minuteness the circumstances which attended the final expulsion of the English from Normandy in the year 1450. The history commences with the infringement of the truce by the capture of Fougères, and ends with the battle of Formigny and the embarkation of the Duke of Somerset. The whole period embraced is less than two years.

33. HISTORIA ET CARTULARIUM MONASTERII S. PETRI GLOUCESTRIÆ. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. H. HART, Esq., F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863–1867.

This work consists of two parts, the History and the Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Peter, Gloucester. The history furnishes an account of the monastery from its foundation, in the year 681, to the early part of the reign of Richard II., together with a calendar of donations and benefactions. It treats principally of the affairs of the monastery, but occasionally matters of general history are introduced. Its authorship has generally been assigned to Walter Froucester, the twentieth abbot, but without any foundation.

34. ALEXANDRI NECKAM DE NATURIS RERUM LIBRI DUO; with NECKAM'S POEM, DE LAUDIBUS DIVINÆ SAPIENTIÆ. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1863.

Neckam was a man who devoted himself to science, such as it was in the twelfth century. In the "De Naturis Rerum" are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam was not thought infallible, even by his contemporaries, for Roger Bacon remarks of him, "this Alexander in many things wrote what was true and useful; "but he neither can nor ought by just title to be reckoned among authorities." Neckam, however, had sufficient independence of thought to differ from some of the schoolmen who in his time considered themselves the only judges of literature. He had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century. The poem entitled "De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ" appears to be a metrical paraphrase or abridgment of the "De Naturis Rerum." It is written in the elegiac metre; and though there are many lines which violate classical rules, it is, as a whole above the ordinary standard of mediæval Latin.

35. LEECHDOMS, WORTCUNNING, AND STARCRAFT OF EARLY ENGLAND; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by* the Rev. T. OSWALD COCKAYNE, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1864–1866.

This work illustrates not only the history of science, but the history of superstition. In addition to the information bearing directly upon the medical skill and medical faith of the times, there are many passages which incidentally throw light upon the general mode of life and ordinary diet. The volumes are interesting not only in their scientific, but also in their social aspect. The manuscripts from which they have been printed are valuable to the Anglo-Saxon scholar for the illustrations they afford of Anglo-Saxon orthography.

36. ANNALES MONASTICI. Vol. I.:—Annales de Margan, 1066–1232; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263 Vol. II.:—Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291. Vol. III.:—Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297 Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia 1042–

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1432. Vol. IV. :—Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016–1347; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066–1289; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1–1377. Vol. V. :—Index and Glossary. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registrary of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1869.

The present collection of Monastic Annals embraces all the more important chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432, although they refer more especially to the reigns of John, Henry III., and Edward I. Some of these narratives have already appeared in print, but others are printed for the first time.

37. MAGNA VITA S. HUGONIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS. From Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Imperial Library, Paris. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES F. DIMOCK, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work contains a number of very curious and interesting incidents, and being the work of a contemporary, is very valuable, not only as a truthful biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic, but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs. The author, in all probability, was Adam Abbot of Evesham. He was domestic chaplain and private confessor of Bishop Hugh, and in these capacities was admitted to the closest intimacy. Bishop Hugh was Prior of Witham for 11 years before he became Bishop of Lincoln. His consecration took place on the 21st September 1186; he died on the 16th of November 1200; and was canonized in 1220.

38. CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF THE REIGN OF RICHARD THE FIRST. Vol. I. :—ITINERARIUM PEREGRINORUM ET GESTA REGIS RICARDI. Vol. II. :—EPISTOLÆ CANTUARIENSES; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury; 1187 to 1199. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London. The narrative extends from 1187 to 1199; but its chief interest consists in the minute and authentic narrative which it furnishes of the exploits of Richard I., from his departure from England in December 1189 to his death in 1199. The author states in his prologue that he was an eye-witness of much that he records; and various incidental circumstances which occur in the course of the narrative confirm this assertion.

The letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, are of value as furnishing authentic materials for the history of the ecclesiastical condition of England during the reign of Richard I. They had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury, who saw in it a design to supplant them in their function of metropolitan chapter. These letters are printed, for the first time, from a MS. belonging to the archiepiscopal library at Lambeth.

39. RECUEIL DES CRONIQUES ET ANCHIENNES ISTORIES DE LA GRANT BRETAIGNE A PRESENT NOMME ENGLETERRE, par JEHAN DE WAURIN. Vol. I. Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. Vol. III., 1422–1431. *Edited by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864–1879.

40. A COLLECTION OF THE CHRONICLES AND ANCIENT HISTORIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW CALLED ENGLAND, by JOHN DE WAVRIN. Albina to 688 (Translation of the preceding Vol. I.) *Edited and translated by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864.

This curious chronicle extends from the fabulous period of history down to the return of Edward IV. to England in the year 1471, after the second deposition of

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Henry VI. The manuscript from which the text of the work is taken is preserved in the Imperial Library at Paris, and is believed to be the only complete and nearly contemporary copy in existence. The work, as originally bound, was comprised in six volumes, since rebound in morocco in 12 volumes, folio maximo, vellum, and is illustrated with exquisite miniatures, vignettes, and initial letters. It was written towards the end of the fifteenth century, having been expressly executed for Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, from whose cabinet it passed into the library of Louis XII. at Blois.

41. POLYCHRONICON RANULPHI HIGDEN, with Trevisa's Translation. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. Vols. III., IV., V., and VI. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH RAWSON LUMBY, B.D., Vicar of St. Edward's, Fellow of St. Catharine's College, and late Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 1865–1876.

This is one of the many mediæval chronicles which assume the character of a history of the world. It begins with the creation, and is brought down to the author's own time, the reign of Edward III. Prefixed to the historical portion, is a chapter devoted to geography, in which is given a description of every known land. To say that the Polychronicon was written in the fourteenth century is to say that it is not free from inaccuracies. It has, however, a value apart from its intrinsic merits. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth. The differences between Trevisa's version and that of the unknown writer are often considerable.

42. LE LIVERE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVERE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE. *Edited by* JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises, though they cannot rank as independent narratives, are nevertheless valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians, especially "Le Livere de Reis de Engletere." Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonized French.

It is supposed that Peter of Ickham must have been the author, but no certain conclusion on that point has been arrived at.

43. CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA, AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Esq., Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is both curious and valuable. It is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country. In addition to the private affairs of the monastery, some light is thrown upon the public events of the time, which are however kept distinct, and appear at the end of the history of each abbot's administration. The text has been printed from what is said to be the autograph of the original compiler, Thomas de Burton, the nineteenth abbot.

44. MATTHÆI PARISIENSIS HISTORIA ANGLORUM, SIVE, UT VULGO DICITUR, HISTORIA MINOR. Vols. I., II., and III. 1067–1253. *Edited by* Sir FREDERIC MADDEN, K.H., Keeper of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1866–1869.

The exact date at which this work was written is, according to the chronicler, 1250. The history is of considerable value as an illustration of the period during which the author lived, and contains a good summary of the events which followed the Conquest. This minor chronicle is, however, based on another work (also

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written by Matthew Paris) giving fuller details, which has been called the "Historia Major." The chronicle here published, nevertheless, gives some information not to be found in the greater history.

45. LIBER MONASTERII DE HYDA: A CHRONICLE AND CHARTULARY OF HYDE ABBEY, WINCHESTER, 455–1023. *Edited, from a Manuscript in the Library of the Earl of Macclesfield, by* EDWARD EDWARDS, Esq. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify—either from tradition or from sources of information not now discoverable—the statements, which, in substance, he adopts. He also mentions, and frequently quotes from writers whose works are either entirely lost or at present known only by fragments.

There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and Mediæval English.

46. CHRONICON SCOTORUM: A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, from the EARLIEST TIMES to 1135; with a SUPPLEMENT, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. *Edited, with a Translation, by* WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1866.

There is, in this volume, a legendary account of the peopling of Ireland and of the adventures which befell the various heroes who are said to have been connected with Irish history. The details are, however, very meagre both for this period and for the time when history becomes more authentic. The plan adopted in the chronicle gives the appearance of an accuracy to which the earlier portions of the work cannot have any claim. The succession of events is marked, year by year, from A.M. 1599 to A.D. 1150. The principal events narrated in the later portion of the work are, the invasions of foreigners, and the wars of the Irish among themselves. The text has been printed from a MS. preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, written partly in Latin, partly in Irish.

47. THE CHRONICLE OF PIERRE DE LANGTOFT, IN FRENCH VERSE, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD I. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1866–1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and that he lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum," in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, down to the death of Henry III., and in the third a history of the reign of Edward I. The principal object of the work was apparently to show the justice of Edward's Scottish wars. The language is singularly corrupt, and a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

48. THE WAR OF THE GAEDHIL WITH THE GAILL, or, THE INVASIONS OF IRELAND BY THE DANES AND OTHER NORSEMEN. *Edited, with a Translation, by* JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University, Dublin. 1867.

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an undoubtedly ancient original. That it was compiled from contemporary materials has been proved by curious incidental evidence. It is stated in the account given of the battle of Clontarf that the full tide in Dublin Bay on the day of the battle (23 April 1014) coincided with sunrise; and that the returning tide in the evening aided considerably in the defeat of the Danes. The fact has been verified by astronomical calculations, and the inference is that the author of the chronicle, if not himself an eye-witness, must have derived his information from those who were eye-witnesses. The contents of the work are sufficiently described in its title. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas, with poems and fragments of poems introduced into the prose narrative.

49. GESTA REGIS HENRICI SECUNDI BENEDICTI ABBATIS. THE CHRONICLE OF THE REIGNS OF HENRY II. AND RICHARD I., 1169–1192; known

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under the name of BENEDICT OF PETERBOROUGH. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford, and Lambeth Librarian. 1867.

This chronicle of the reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., known commonly under the name of Benedict of Peterborough, is one of the best existing specimens of a class of historical compositions of the first importance to the student.

50. MUNIMENTA ACADEMICA, OR, DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATIVE OF ACADEMICAL LIFE AND STUDIES AT OXFORD (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. HENRY ANSTEY, M.A., Vicar of St. Wendron, Cornwall, and lately Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford. 1868.

This work will supply materials for a History of Academical Life and Studies in the University of Oxford during the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries.

51. CHRONICA MAGISTRI ROGERI DE HOUEDENE. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1868–1871.

This work has long been justly celebrated, but not thoroughly understood until Mr. Stubbs' edition. The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little, and not always judiciously. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49); but it is not a copy, being sometimes an abridgment, at others a paraphrase; occasionally the two works entirely agree; showing that both writers had access to the same materials, but dealt with them differently. From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work: it is extremely valuable, and an authority of the first importance.

52. WILLELMI MALMESBIRIENSIS MONACHI DE GESTIS PONTIFICUM ANGLORUM LIBRI QUINQUE. *Edited, from William of Malmesbury's Autograph MS., by* N. E. S. A. HAMILTON, Esq., of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1870.

William of Malmesbury's "Gesta Pontificum" is the principal foundation of English Ecclesiastical Biography, down to the year 1122. The manuscript which has been followed in this Edition is supposed by Mr. Hamilton to be the author's autograph, containing his latest additions and amendments.

53. HISTORIC AND MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS OF IRELAND, FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, &c. 1172–1320. *Edited by* JOHN T. GILBERT, Esq., F.S.A., Secretary of the Public Record Office of Ireland. 1870.

A collection of original documents, elucidating mainly the history and condition of the municipal, middle, and trading classes under or in relation with the rule of England in Ireland,—a subject hitherto in almost total obscurity. Extending over the first hundred and fifty years of the Anglo-Norman settlement, the series includes charters, municipal laws and regulations, rolls of names of citizens and members of merchant-guilds, lists of commodities with their rates, correspondence, illustrations of relations between ecclesiastics and laity; together with many documents exhibiting the state of Ireland during the presence there of the Scots under Robert and Edward Bruce.

54. THE ANNALS OF LOCH CÉ. A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, FROM 1014 to 1590. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, with a Translation, by* WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1871.

The original of this chronicle has passed under various names. The title of "Annals of Loch Cé" was given to it by Professor O'Curry, on the ground that it was transcribed for Brian Mac Dermot, an Irish chieftain, who resided on the island in Loch Cé, in the county of Roscommon. It adds much to the materials for the civil and ecclesiastical history of Ireland; and contains many curious references to English and foreign affairs, not noticed in any other chronicle.

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55. MONUMENTA JURIDICA. THE BLACK BOOK OF THE ADMIRALTY, WITH APPENDICES. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* SIR TRAVERS TWISS, Q.C., D.C.L. 1871–1876.

This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy, and was probably compiled for the use of the Lord High Admiral of England. Selden calls it the "jewel of the Admiralty Records." Prynne ascribes to the Black Book the same authority in the Admiralty as the Black and Red Books have in the Court of Exchequer, and most English writers on maritime law recognize its importance.

56. MEMORIALS OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VI.:—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS BEKYNTON, SECRETARY TO HENRY VI., AND BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS. *Edited, from a MS. in the Archiepiscopal Library at Lambeth, with an Appendix of Illustrative Documents, by* the Rev. GEORGE WILLIAMS, B.D., Vicar of Ringwood, late Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Vols. I. and II. 1872.

These curious volumes are of a miscellaneous character, and were probably compiled under the immediate direction of Bekynton before he had attained to the Episcopate. They contain many of the Bishop's own letters, and several written by him in the King's name; also letters to himself while Royal Secretary, and others addressed to the King. This work elucidates some points in the history of the nation during the first half of the fifteenth century.

57. MATTHÆI PARISIENSIS, MONACHI SANCTI ALBANI, CHRONICA MAJORA. Vol. I. The Creation to A.D. 1066. Vol. II. A.D. 1067 to A.D. 1216. Vol. III. A.D. 1216 to A.D. 1239. Vol. IV. A.D. 1240 to A.D. 1247. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Registrary of the University, and Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. 1872–1877.

This work contains the "Chronica Majora" of Matthew Paris, one of the most valuable and frequently consulted of the ancient English Chronicles. It is published from its commencement, for the first time. The editions by Archbishop Parker, and William Wats, severally begin at the Norman Conquest.

58. MEMORIALE FRATRIS WALTERI DE COVENTRIA.—THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF WALTER OF COVENTRY. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, from the MS. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1872–1873.

This work, now printed in full for the first time, has long been a *desideratum* by Historical Scholars. The first portion, however, is not of much importance, being only a compilation from earlier writers. The part relating to the first quarter of the thirteenth century is the most valuable and interesting.

59. THE ANGLO-LATIN SATIRICAL POETS AND EPIGRAMMATISTS OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY. Vols. I. and II. *Collected and edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A., Corresponding Member of the National Institute of France (Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres). 1872.

The Poems contained in these volumes have long been known and appreciated as the best satires of the age in which their authors flourished, and were deservedly popular during the 13th and 14th centuries.

60. MATERIALS FOR A HISTORY OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VII., FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS PRESERVED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, M.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. 1873–1877.

These volumes are valuable as illustrating the acts and proceedings of Henry VII. on ascending the throne, and shadow out the policy he afterwards adopted.

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61. HISTORICAL PAPERS AND LETTERS FROM THE NORTHERN REGISTERS. *Edited by* JAMES RAINE, M.A., Canon of York, and Secretary of the Surtees Society. 1873.

The documents in this volume illustrate, for the most part, the general history of the north of England, particularly in its relation to Scotland.

62. REGISTRUM PALATINUM DUNELMENSE. THE REGISTER OF RICHARD DE KELLAWE, LORD PALATINE AND BISHOP OF DURHAM; 1311-1316. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1873–1878.

Bishop Kellawe's Register contains the proceedings of his prelacy, both lay and ecclesiastical, and is the earliest Register of the Palatinate of Durham.

63. MEMORIALS OF SAINT DUNSTAN ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY. *Edited, from various MSS., by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1874.

This volume contains several lives of Archbishop Dunstan, one of the most celebrated Primates of Canterbury. They open various points of Historical and Literary interest, without which our knowledge of the period would be more incomplete than it is at present.

64. CHRONICON ANGLIÆ, AB ANNO DOMINI 1328 USQUE AD ANNUM 1388, AUCTORE MONACHO QUODAM SANCTI ALBANI. *Edited by* EDWARD MAUNDE THOMPSON, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, and Assistant-Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum. 1874.

This chronicle gives a circumstantial history of the close of the reign of Edward III. which has hitherto been considered lost.

65. THÓMAS SAGA ERKIBYSKUPS. A LIFE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS BECKET, IN ICELANDIC. Vol. I. *Edited, with English Translation, Notes, and Glossary, by* M. EIRÍKR MAGNÚSSON, Sub-Librarian of the University Library, Cambridge. 1875.

This work is derived from the Life of Becket written by Benedict of Peterborough, and apparently supplies the missing portions in Benedict's biography.

66. RADULPHI DE COGGESHALL CHRONICON ANGLICANUM. *Edited by* the REV. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A. 1875.

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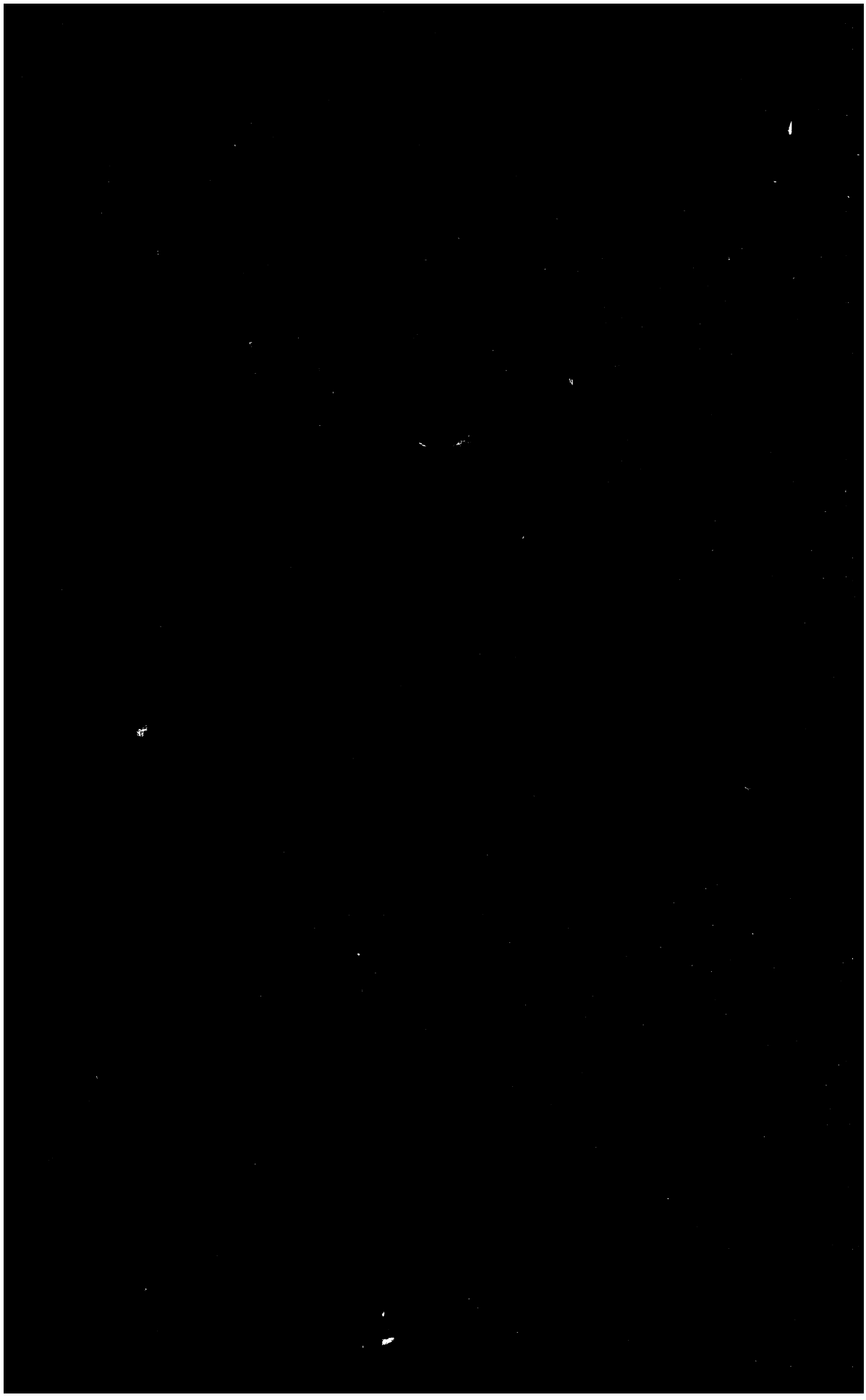

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